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## Tributes for boy who died in quarry

TRIBUTES have been paid to a teenager who drowned in a disused quarry while on holiday.

The family of 15-year-old Augusto Zacarias described him as their "pride and joy" after he died falling into swollen waters at the marl hole pool at the back of the Crooked House pub in Himley. They said he was a promising footballer who hoped to play professionally.

Augusto was visiting family from Portugal with his parents, Paulina and Pedro, as well as his young brother, and had been in the country less than three weeks. He had only days ago celebrated his 15th birthday.

It is believed Augusto was staying with relatives in the High Areal area of Sedgley and had gone to the quarry with his friends and cousin.

His mother and father spoke of their grief at losing their eldest child.

They said: "Augusto was our first child, who we loved with all our hearts. He was a loving son and older brother to Samuel. Augusto loved to play football and hoped to play professionally one day."

"He was a very sensible young man and had begun to make plans for the future." Augusto's body was pulled from the water at about 8.30pm last Wednesday following a seven-hour search of the murky waters.

## Pair in court over killing

TWO men have appeared in court charged with murdering a Sedgley man near his home - as hundreds of residents joined a campaign to get the alleyway in Springfield Grove where he was attacked closed for good.

Shylon Wishart, aged 19, of North Springfield, and James Cartwright, 18, of Sandyfields Road, both Sedgley, are accused of killing 23-year-old Shane Watson. The pair were remanded in custody to appear at Wolverhampton Crown Court.



Samuel Gayzer-Tomlinson

## Stab attack teenager loses appeal

A teenager who attacked a Stourbridge schoolgirl with a kitchen knife in front of her classmates has lost an appeal against his sentence.

Chloe West, aged 14, was stabbed 20 times by 18-year-old Samuel Gayzer-Tomlinson as she walked to school.

He was sentenced to 13 years in a young offenders institution after pleading guilty to attempted murder and unlawful wounding at Wolverhampton Crown Court last year.

Gayzer-Tomlinson, of Turlis Hill Road, Sedgley, challenged the sentence at the Court of Appeal yesterday but it was backed by three senior judges.

Mr Justice Langstaff told the court Gayzer-Tomlinson had struck up a friendship with Chloe after they met at a stables.

But when she lost interest, Gayzer-Tomlinson became angry and hatched a vicious plan for revenge, the court heard. He drove to Chloe's Ridgewood High School in Wollaston, Stourbridge, and jumped out of his car before repeatedly stabbing her in the face, chest, neck and arms.

Schoolboy Ben Hudson, tried to stop the attack and was wounded, before teachers and staff pulled the teen away, the court heard. Ben, then 16, was

praised for his actions and nominated to carry the Olympic torch in Wolverhampton on June 30.

Chloe was airlifted to hospital and needed 48 stitches to her wounds.

Sarah Buckingham, for Gayzer-Tomlinson, claimed the sentencing judge took insufficient account of the stress the teen was under after Chloe spurned his advances ahead of his A-levels. She said if he had received mental health treatment, the stabbing might never have happened. But Mr Justice Langstaff, sitting with Lord Justice Davis and Mr Justice Burton ruled the sentence was correct.



Survivor - Chloe West

## Body of cyclist is found at roadside

A CYCLIST from Kingswinford was found dead at the roadside by a passing driver.

Paul Lake, aged 45, had suffered serious injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police have said it is not clear how Mr Lake, who worked as an inspector for Wolverhampton Homes, was injured before he was discovered in Stallings Lane, Kingswinford, on Sunday.

A passer-by spotted him lying at the roadside at about 5.40pm.

Darlaston-born Mr Lake was lying on a grass verge lined by trees on the Gornal-bound side of the road, between Pensnett Trading Estate and Tansey Green Road.

Police are now waiting for the results of a post mortem.

Friends today paid tribute. Tony Hassall, aged 66, of East Park, Wolverhampton, said he had worked with Mr Lake several years ago.

"I'm so upset - absolutely in bits. He was a lovely fellow, a real gentleman," he said.

He will be terribly missed by everyone who knows him. He was a really good man."

Nearby residents and workers say the road would have been "deserted" as it is currently shut to through traffic for sewer works.

Anyone who saw what happened on or around Stallings Lane is urged to call police on 101.

## Road shuts for shop job

A ROAD in Stourbridge town centre will be shut as work on a new Tesco superstore moves forward.

New Street will be closed from August 28. Vehicles can enter and exit the area via the new Bell Street junction.

The store, creating 320 jobs, and a shopping centre will be built on the land where the former Crown Centre once stood.

# TREASURER STOLE CHURCH MONEY

THE TREASURER of a church and religious charity is facing jail after he admitted defrauding them of more than £500,000 when he was in a position of trust.

## Congregation feel betrayed

THE LEADER of the congregation whose funds were stripped of hundreds of thousands of pounds by Stephen Methuen says he abused the "naïve trust" the church placed in him.

Church members were left shocked and saddened when it was revealed to them that Methuen, who showed no signs of living the high life, had swindled them out of money that they had donated or raised.

Methuen, a professional accountant, became a member of Amblecote Christian Centre in Stourbridge in 1993 and began to support it as a volunteer.

As leaders knew of his expertise in finances, he became volunteer treasurer in 1995 - a position he held until Senior Pastor Adrian Lowe uncovered irregularities in the church accounts in April 2009. Methuen, was taken to the police station by Mr Lowe. Methuen was then asked to resign.

"It's a very sad day," said Mr Lowe.

Methuen lived for a time with his wife Lynda in Whittington Road, Norton, Stourbridge.

Professional accountant Stephen Methuen did the accounts for both Amblecote Christian Centre, of which he was a member, and the Christian International Relief Mission, based in Stourbridge.

But, over a six-year period, he embezzled the evangelical church out of an estimated £400,000 and the charity of more than £100,000. Methuen, aged 57, of Smalman Close, Wordsley, admitted a total of 16 counts of fraud when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

Six charges alleged that he falsified documents at Amblecote Christian Centre, based in Brettell Lane, to conceal payments being made to his personal and business accounts between 2003 and 2009.

### Payments

A further six counts related to the falsification by him of documents for the Christian International Relief Mission, also between 2003 and 2009, to conceal payments to him.

He also admitted a further four charges relating to when, as treasurer of the Christian Centre, he cheated HM Revenue and Customs by filing gift aid repayment claims which overstated the total charitable donations between 2005 and 2009.

Sentencing was adjourned until September 10 for reports and Methuen was granted bail. Judge Michael Dudley warned him he would also face proceedings to recover money he pocketed.

## Dig these Cabbage Patch dolls



Leah Tighe from Kingswinford, with the relaunched Cabbage Patch Kids

CABBAGE Patch Kids - the toys which became a global sensation in the 80s - are making a comeback.

The dolls have returned to shop shelves and are predicted to be one of this year's must-have Christmas gifts across the country.

They have been given a 21st century makeover to make them appeal to new generations of youngsters but their cute faces which made them so popular almost 30 years ago still remain.

They were one of the biggest toy crazes in history.

They caused parents to queue all through the night outside stores just to ensure they got their hands on one when they were first launched back in 1983.

### Predicting

Toy experts are now predicting they will be top of children's Christmas wish list's again this year. Alan Caswell, who runs the Arcade Toyshop in Dudley, said he has already sold 30 since they were relaunched around three weeks ago. He will be taking delivery of further batches of the dolls in October and December.

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# Superbug incidents at hospital down by 60pc

THE NUMBER of cases of superbug c.diff reported at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital has fallen by 60 per cent, new figures claim.

Bosses have bought two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines, also called fogging machines, to help reduce the spread of infections at a cost of £69,000.

## Shop hours lengthened for Games

SUPERMARKETS and high street stores across the region are extending their Sunday opening hours to fit in around the Olympics.

Bosses want to give shoppers more flexibility to catch the "must-see" events throughout the London Games.

It comes after the Government chose to relax Sunday trading laws to boost trade during the Games.

Waitrose in The Ryemarket, Stourbridge, will be open from 9.30am until 5.30pm.

Dudley's Merry Hill shopping centre is also among those extending its hours. The centre introduced its longer opening hours on Sunday and shoppers can now visit between 10am and 6pm on Sundays until September 9.

NHS regulator Monitor has now downgraded the hospital trust's risk rating from amber-red to amber-green after a drop in cases.

The number has fallen from 38 in the first quarter of the 2011/12 financial year to 14 in the first quarter of 2012/13.

There have been no cases of deadly superbug MRSA in the year from June 2011 to June 2012.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We are very pleased with the efforts of staff helping to protect our patients from infection, and that this is reflected in Monitor changing our rating from amber-red to amber-green."

"Helping us to reduce cases of infection in hospital has been the purchase of two hydrogen peroxide vapour machines."

The hospital had been given an amber-red rating by Monitor, the independent regulator of Foundation Trusts last year after 99 cases of C-diff were logged last year.

## Richard in running for cover



Richard Edwards, from Stourbridge, is in the running to be a magazine cover model this coming Autumn

RICHARD Edwards from Stourbridge has been chosen by Men's Health as one of the five finalists of the Cover Model 2012 competition.

Every year the magazine challenges its readers to get into the shape of their lives with the winner going on the grace the iconic Men's Health cover.

The Cover Model 2012 competition, sponsored by Remington, requires as much character as physical drive so Men's Health looks for outstanding individuals who are natural in front of the camera say organisers.

The winner will be a positive, down-to-earth guy whose physique is athletic yet perfectly attainable.

Entrants to the competition come from all walks of life and the final five differ in age, profession and personalities but they all share one ambition - to be in the best shape possible and to have a positive, healthy outlook to life.

The Cover Model 2012 competition winner will be announced at a special finalists' dinner hosted by Men's Health in London on September 3.

## Delight of actors in TV debut

TWO YOUNG actors from a Stourbridge acting school are enjoying the attention after their debut in a TV show attracted millions of viewers and rave reviews.

More than three million people were gripped by Line of Duty, the tense tale of a top detective who gets drawn into a world of corruption.

The five-part drama, which finished last week, has pulled in some of BBC2's highest viewing figures of the past decade and is already being tipped to win a host of awards.

Gregory Piper, aged 14 and Jordyn-Eve Davis-Greene, 12, have become the talk of their schools since the show started. They have even been stopped in the street by fans of the Birmingham-made show.

Jordyn-Eve, of Whittington Road in Stourbridge, has already appeared as DCI Gates' daughter Natalie while Gregory, of Haden Close, Dudley, plays foul-mouthed Ryan Pilkington, a troubled youngster who gets caught up in the action.

The two both attend Dramaworkshop at Chawn Hill Church.

## Sign of times

SUPERMARKET bosses have been granted permission to install new signs at a store in Stourbridge.

Tesco Express in Hagley Road had submitted proposals for new advertisement signs to Dudley Council.

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## NEWS

## Underground car park work begins



Preparatory work continues on the former Crown Centre site in Stourbridge ready for redevelopment

A MULTI-MILLION pound redevelopment scheme in Stourbridge town centre is well on track with work to dig out the site for a new underground car park now under way.

A new Tesco supermarket, creating 320 jobs, and shopping centre will be built on the land where the former Crown Centre once stood.

Work to demolish the complex, along with the old multi-storey car park, in Bell Street, was completed in May.

Thousands of tons of rubble has now been cleared from the site and using specialist equipment, it has been processed and crushed so that it can be re-used in the construction of the new buildings.

Project manager Mark Glover said recent rain had helped to keep dust levels down and that work was on target.

"After Christmas, people will start to see the building start to take shape."

## Skateboarders warned

**SKATEBOARDERS** using ramps at a town centre car park in Stourbridge to perform tricks are putting themselves and drivers at risk, say concerned residents.

Groups of teenagers are congregating at the main entrance and exit ramps to the Ryemarket car park at busy times during the afternoon and early evening. Calls have now been

made for Dudley Council to take action and deal with the problem amid fears someone will be hurt.

Residents say skateboarders are hurtling down ramps at the car park despite the high volume of vehicles using the site.

They fear one of the youngsters will be hit by a vehicle or the skateboarders could collide with people walking on the ramps to reach their cars.

Similar problems with skateboarders affected the Bell Street car park for many years before its demolition in

March and were not resolved despite calls. And residents say the problem has now moved to the other multi-storey car park.

Stourbridge Township Council chairman Margaret Scott said youngsters were embarking on a "very dangerous practice".

"These young people are putting themselves and others at very serious risk," she said. "They gather at the entrance to the car park at the top of the main ramp and cannot be seen until cars are on top of them," she said.

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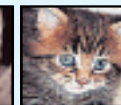
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# NEWS

## Off-duty soldier locked up for sex attack on teen

A TEENAGER was sexually assaulted only yards from her home by an off-duty soldier, a court has heard.

Adam Smart forced the girl down on to a front garden, put his hand over her mouth, kissed and groped her, Stafford Crown Court heard.

The defendant eventually put his hand up her skirt and, against her will, committed an indecent assault.

When she was able to squeal out in terror, Smart got up and ran off, said Mr Paul Spratt, prosecuting.

Smart, aged 20, of Edge View Walk, Kinver, was sent to youth custody for 18 months after admitting a charge of sexual assault.

### Naive

Mr Steven Bailey, defending, said his client, who was "young, naive and stupid", had been "fuddled in drink".

Judge Simon Tonking cleared Smart of attempted rape, but told him: "It's accepted you were walking her home, but it wasn't long before you decided you would engage her in sexual activity."

"She made it abundantly clear to you she didn't want anything to do with it, but quite regardless of what she wanted you used some force to get her to the ground and put your hand over her mouth to keep her quiet. You knew perfectly well she didn't want this - she was trying to get you off."

## Speeding man banned

A MAN drove at 53mph through a stretch of road where the limit had been dropped to just 20mph during the building of Stourbridge's new bus station, a court heard.

Thomas Doran, 25, of St John's Road, Halesowen, had been hurrying to football, said Gerry Vahey, defending. Doran, a plumber, admitted exceeding the temporary 20mph limit in Birmingham Street, Stourbridge, on December 3 and magistrates banned him for 28 days and fined him £200.

## Aflutter at flying visit



Falconer Andy Plant with Peanut the owl with carer Hannah Steele and resident Marjorie Pimlott

VOLUNTEERS from the Falconry Centre in Hagley took a collection of birds to visit a care home.

A golden eagle, a barn owl and an American kestrel were among the birds of prey on the flying visit to Westley Court Care Home, in Cookley. Residents were able to get up close to their new feathered

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## NEWS

# Troubled school showing determination say chiefs

## Flagging up art skills



Gracie shows her eye-catching flag which beat off fierce opposition

AN EYE-CATCHING design created by a child has been chosen to become the official flag of the Black Country and will be flown during the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Budding artists of all ages from across the region were challenged to develop a design for the flag and 11-year-old Gracie Sheppard's idea

took the top honour after attracting nearly 1,500 votes.

It features a chain running across a black, red and white background. The white section is in the shape of Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. Gracie attends Redhill Primary School, in Stourbridge, said she was delighted her design had won.

A PRIMARY school has taken a big step towards getting out of special measures following a positive report from education watchdogs.

Blanford Mere Primary School in Kingswinford received a visit from Ofsted for the first time since a report was published judging the school to be inadequate.

In a new report, Roy Bowers said the headteacher and senior team had worked with 'energy and determination' to address issues raised.

The initial Ofsted inspection in February found the quality of teaching at the 244-pupil school to be not good enough in some areas, particularly in maths.

### Understanding

It reported the work was not meeting pupils' needs, teachers were failing to check on pupils' understanding and management lacked severity.

However, following the visit at the start of July, Mr Bowers judged the school's progress, since entering special measures, as satisfactory.

In a report, he said: "The headteacher and senior team are working with energy and determination to address all of the issues from the previous inspection."

"The school now has an accurate view of its strengths and areas for development."

## Heads in link-up

TWO headteachers from Stourbridge and Wyre Forest are among 17 visiting schools in Tanzania. The trip to the Diocese of Morogoro in the African country is part of the Global Schools Partnership.

The schools have chosen to link with Tanzania due to a partnership from 2010.

Ross Workman, headteacher at Oldswinford Primary School, Stourbridge will be joined by Karen Banford, head of Great Witley CE Primary near Kidderminster and teaching assistant Teresa Cole.

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The Brown Jug Inn, Willenhall, early 1900s



Dr Joseph Tonks (centre), family and friends 1885

# The meadows that became 'Humpshire'

**WILLENHALL, between Walsall and Wolverhampton, was originally called 'Willen-halch', Anglo-Saxon for 'the meadowland of Willan'.**

First mentioned in the 700s, when King Ethelbald of Mercia signed a treaty there, William the Conqueror's Domesday Book (1086) records it as 'Willenhala'.

In the Middle Ages, Willenhall was a small agricultural village with a chapel within the parish of Wolverhampton. But from 1840, Willenhall had its own parish church, St Giles, and the present day building dates from 1867.

Willenhall's population grew to around 300 by 1666, but in the 1700s it expanded dramatically with the Industrial Revolution. The now industrial town centred around Market Place and Stafford Street, comprising many tiny streets crammed with houses, workshops and pubs.

A thriving mining community grew up around Lane Head and Sandbeds, and

*by Stuart Williams*

Portobello became known for brickmaking. Coal mining was important in the Willenhall area early on but declined after the 1800s when the mines became flooded following a strike.

Willenhall became world-famous as a centre for lock making, which in Elizabethan times had begun developing in Willenhall, Wolverhampton and Bilston, and by the mid-1800s this trade was mainly centred in Willenhall.

In 1855 there were 340 local lock makers, working entirely by hand, mostly in small workshops.

Young apprentice lock filers worked bent over, developing hump backs, which gave Willenhall the nickname of 'Humpshire'. Noted Willenhall lockmakers included Yale & Towne, Josiah Parkes & Sons and John Harper & Co.

In 1849 poor housing and sanitation led to a cholera epidemic; 292 people died, shocking the town into improving conditions, and in 1854 Willenhall Local Board

of Health, forerunner of Willenhall Urban District Council (1894), was formed.

Reflecting local civic pride, several municipal buildings were erected, including the Town Hall and Library in Clemson Street in 1866, and in 1922 a Memorial Park was opened, honouring those killed in the Great War.

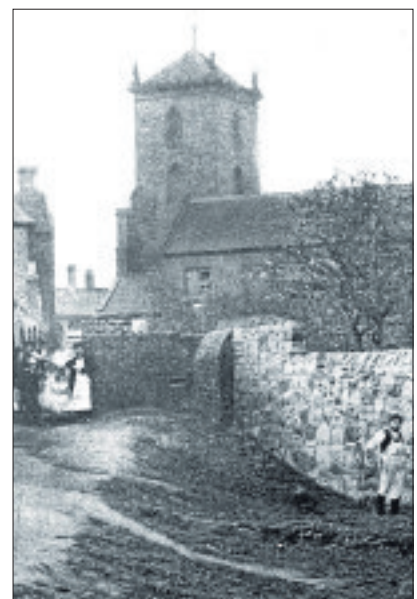
Willenhall's best-known monument is however its ornate and imposing Memorial Clock in Market Place, commemorating Dr Tonks, a highly respected and revered Victorian physician.

Willenhall became part of Walsall borough in 1966, but remains independent-minded with a strong identity and a great sense of heritage.

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Workers at their benches at the Josiah Parkes &amp; Sons Lock Factory in Willenhall, about 1928-30



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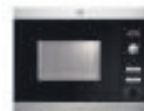
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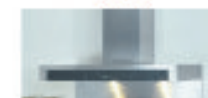
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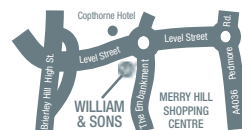
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## Some things never really change

I ALWAYS look forward to Carl Chinn's walks down memory lane in the E&S and read July 26 offering with the usual relish.

Some things apparently never change. Professor Chinn explained to us the better off in bygone days were often reluctant to help the impoverished because they were convinced that poverty was a result of idleness rather than social structure, economic factors and so on.

The same could be said today but there is a crucial difference. By and large, despite their misgivings, the wealthy were either swayed by a faith

which proclaimed their miserly instincts were in fact wrong or else they were persuaded by a growing and ever more powerful Labour movement that it was change or perish, run a fair business and treat your staff with respect or don't run a business at all.

Today we have come full circle. Many of the well-to-do have persuaded themselves there is no "higher authority" to answer to and the Labour movement has probably less power than it did 100 years ago.

Those miserly instincts are not only popular but regarded as positively virtuous in some circles including most of

the written media and most of HM Government front bench.

The way out of poverty we are told is to ensure the impoverished have less and therefore must work. In reality of course it is quicker, easier and far more rewarding to respond to things like benefit cuts by getting into petty crime, drug dealing, prostitution.

If work is to pay then cut benefits don't raise wages seems to be the message.

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## Miliband's speech on migration stirs debate

ED MILIBAND'S June 22 speech on immigration continues to stir debate, much of it dragging in the separate issue of racism. Race was a factor in the 1960s and 70's debates about immigration.

Now, thanks to the EU policy of the free movement of labour, immigration is largely white people from Eastern Europe moving here, competing for low-paid jobs. Employers back this because an increase in labour supply cuts its price.

Last year, 589,000 people came to Britain, the vast majority from the EU. Mr Miliband said, "Britain must control its borders." Fine - but he then said, "we cannot set the numbers coming in from the rest of the EU."

The EU stops us having any control over immigration from the EU.

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## Government going back on its issues

NOT A month has gone by since the Prime Minister's speech on the 25th June 2012 in Kent, and already his government is reneging on the issues of the elderly and frail, the disabled. His government should be well aware of the problems these groups face in life. So what do they do? They target those people first. The proposed closure of 54 'Remploy' factories is despicable to say the least. Expecting the disabled to find employment elsewhere, where does the government expect them to find work suited to their disabilities, when the jobs they are quite capable of doing, all under one roof, are taken away from them?

He says in his speech: "He knows how much help genuinely disabled people need". Looks like it when he takes the bread and butter out of their mouths. Then we have the "elderly and frail". This government knows no bounds in targeting those who are elderly and frail and those who are disabled while looking after the bankers and the 'filthy rich'.

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I hope you are reading this, and it will prick your conscience, but I doubt it, along with all the other ever-increasing number of law breakers who persist on using mobiles whilst driving.

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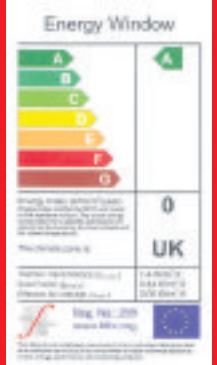
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## NEWS

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The former Barclays Bank, in the High Street, opposite Christ Church, has been earmarked for redevelopment.

But the proposals caused outcry from residents concerned the high street was rapidly losing all its day time shops.

Dudley Council's development control committee granted planning permission on Monday.

Councillors were due to make a decision at last month's meeting but voted to visit the site first.

Committee chairman Councillor Rachel Harris said: "We have looked at issues such as access to the site and we feel it should be approved."

### Condemned

Previous applications for a takeaway pizzeria were condemned by local residents for fear of parked cars clogging the high street.

In a report to the committee council officers said the restaurant would not bring these problems.

"The proposed change of use would have a positive role in supporting the overall function, vitality and viability of the district shopping centre by bringing back into use a vacant premises," the report said.

"As the application site is located within the centre and is well served by public parking it is considered that highway safety would not be prejudiced."

## Church history talk

A TALK on the churches of Staffordshire will take place in Stourbridge this summer.

Stourbridge Historical Society is holding the event in the Ambicote Room in Stourbridge Town Hall. The illustrated talk by Tim Bridgess is on September 20 at 7.30pm.

## Top tricks are taught



Pro skater Jake Smith watched by children including far right, Katrina Rogers from Wollaston and Laura Crofts from Enville

HIGH-FLYING stunts wowed youngsters who arrived to learn top skateboarding tricks during an event in Kinver.

Members of the Rubicon Skateboard School taught around 80 children new skills at a training session.

The village has its own skate park paid for through grants and funding

from the National Lottery and Play-builder Fund. Instructors were on hand to showcase a variety of moves on skateboards, bikes and scooters during the day.

The day was organised by Kinver Action group which also put through the funding application to have the skate park.

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## Driving ban for birthday father

A SALES manager for Sky was caught drink-driving when he went to get more food for his child's first birthday party, a court heard.

Stephen Perry, aged 39, of Mayfair, Stourbridge, admitted driving with 67 microgrammes alcohol in 100ml of breath – the limit is 35 microgrammes – in Wollescote Road on July 7.

He had a previous drink-drive ban in 2005 and Dudley magistrates disqualified him for three years for the latest offence, fined him £400 and ordered him to pay £85 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Perry may lose his job.

He explained Perry had drunk only two glasses of wine but had nothing to eat. Mr Aslam added: "He holds his head in shame to his partner and children."

# Town charity collectors to face new crackdown on operations

**CHARITY collectors in Dudley face a crackdown on when and where they can work in an attempt to stop them pestering shoppers, it was revealed today.**

The so-called "chuggers" or "charity muggers" line the streets in towns across the borough and in particular Dudley Market Place.

Dudley Council ruled last year that they should carry a licence but they insist the law does not apply to them as they do not collect cash.

The Public Fundraising Regulatory Authority

today offered to hold talks with the council to reach a voluntary agreement similar to Wolverhampton, where collectors are limited to certain streets.

Council bosses insist a review by Lord Hodgson has shown that tighter controls are needed and that the chuggers should be licensed.

The report, published last week, recommended greater powers for councils to curb aggressive collectors. Dudley Council will now look at the recommendations before deciding whether to enforce stricter working times.

PFRA spokeswoman Catharine Pusey agreed

that Lord Hodgson said there was a need to restrict or regulate fundraising and that the group was already in talks with 19 councils.

"We would welcome the authority with open arms if they wanted to speak to us and come up with an agreement," she added.

Councillor Gaye Partridge, Dudley's cabinet member for human resources, law and governance, said: "Lord Hodgson has recommended councils be able to license fundraisers and control where and how collections take place.

"We will carefully consider the recommendations."

## New members sought for club

A GROUP that organises social activities to encourage people in north Worcestershire to meet, have fun and make new friends is on the hunt for new members.

The Live Wyre club, which has been going for 18 years holds weekly pub nights, dances, skittle games, theatre visits, day trips and walks in North Worcestershire and the Black Country. While it used to have more than 250 members, now it has dropped to 98.

A reunion is being held on September 15 for all members, ex-members and their friends. It starts at 7pm at Kidderminster. Tickets are £5 and £3.50. Regular events include a rock 'n' roll night on Wednesdays at Quarry Bank Labour Club, and a fortnightly jive tea dance at Lickey End Social Club in Bromsgrove.

For details contact Sandra Davies on 01299 400979 or visit [www.livewyres.org.uk](http://www.livewyres.org.uk)

## Floating artworks



Glass artist Laura McKinley finishing her work

Glittering horses, mirrored spheres and giant tripods will be seen floating on a lake at a Midlands beauty spot at an art exhibition with a difference.

And for the first time, organisers are staging the floating glass sculpture exhibition at Bodenhall Arboretum in Wolverley, near Kidderminster, from August 1 to 27 as part of this year's International Festival of Glass.

The festival will be held at venues around Stourbridge from August 24 to 27 and will attract thousands of visitors from across the globe.

This year's event will celebrate 400 years of glassmaking in Stourbridge.

Artists chosen to display work on the 22ft deep lake were at the beauty spot last week to put their pieces in place on the lake. They included glass artist Laura McKinley and Stourbridge artist Keith Brocklehurst and students from Stourbridge's Glasshouse College, based at the Ruskin Glass Centre, in Amblecote.

Mr Brocklehurst has created a circle of mirrored orbs called Titania's Ring.

Other artists displaying works include Charlotte Hughes-Martin, an artist at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone and Simon Eccles, who is a glass technician at Wolverhampton University.

The exhibition will be open from 11am to 5pm.

## Appeal granted over rejection of mosque

MUSLIM leaders have been granted an appeal against the High Court's decision to throw out plans for a new mosque – meaning the long-running dispute is heading back to the courtroom.

It comes just weeks after council chiefs in Dudley thought they had reached a conclusion to the seven-year wrangle.

The proposals for a mosque on land in Hall Street were rejected at a hearing in April, meaning the plot of land, which Dudley Muslim Association has owned since 2005, must now be sold back to the council. It had argued the land should have been developed by a 2008 deadline.

Council bosses managed to get many of the group's arguments for stopping the buy-back plan thrown out by

judges at a court hearing in November.

But the association submitted an amended defence, which was rejected.

Association chairman Dr Kurshid Ahmed today confirmed the dispute will go back before the High Court after officials gave them the go-ahead to appeal. They had already submitted an application and were waiting for a decision.

He said: "We do not know a timescale yet – it depends on when it is processed and the court lists it. But the appeal has been granted."

Dr Ahmed has previously said he would talk to the council about potential alternative sites. But he insisted the Muslim Association had not had the opportunity to put across its full arguments during the case.

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## NEWS

# Hippodrome campaigners reveal cash-making plans

AROUND 6,000 people have signed up to save Dudley Hippodrome from the bulldozers - as campaigners unveil money-making ideas to help fund the scheme.

Transforming side rooms into rehearsal spaces and a recording studio would bring in crucial income to pay bills, they say. Plans for patrons and businesses to sponsor theatre seats are also being considered. Campaigners have until the end of August to submit a business plan, detailing the cost of transforming the building into a theatre, to Dudley Council.

It will also include proposals to source finance for the works from organisations such as the National Lottery.

The Hippodrome opened in 1938 with Judy Garland among those to appear until it closed due to falling audiences in 1964.

### Cabaret

The venue which once hosted entertainment icons Bing Crosby, Laurel and Hardy and Tommy Cooper was used as cabaret nightclub and a bingo hall until it finally closed three years ago.

Friends of Dudley Hippodrome chairman Geoff Fitzpatrick said everyone was working hard to dream up ways to ensure that the theatre's future is sustainable.

"It started out as an adventure but now it is getting down to the nitty-gritty, and we must give details on exactly how the plan could work," he said. "We have to look at ways that the theatre can make money. There are 62 rooms in and around the main theatre, and we are looking at all the possible ways these can be used. We are keen to bring in different groups."

## Fitter's £500k deal

A KINGSWINFORN shop fitting business has won a £500,000 contract from Ralph Lauren to re-fit its concessions in top stores around the UK.

A team from Enigma Shopfitting has also completed work on a temporary Lauren shop for the duration of the Olympics at the Royal College of Art in Kensington.

## Revamp for Chicago's



The plush inside of the new Chicago's bar in Stourbridge

THE MANAGER of Stourbridge's new Chicago's bar is predicting a bright future for the venue as renovation work continues ahead of it opening in September.

The inside of the former Que Pasa premises off High Street, near the entrance to the Ryemarket shopping centre, is being refurbished.

Around £500,000 is being invested and a long bar is being installed as

well as booths and a dancefloor. Jobs are also being created in the move.

Work began at the end of last month and bar manager James Whittingham said everything was on track.

"We're hoping to open in the middle of September," he said. "It's a new style of Chicago's and will be different to all of the others," he added.

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## NEWS

# Work nears completion on £1.3m power boat

## Zoo chair lift on way



A £1.3MILLION power boat being built in Dudley for an ambitious round-the-world record attempt is just weeks from completion.

With the structure and cabins almost finished, the team of craftsmen will soon be laying down decking and installing two 500 horsepower engines.

The boat, called Accomplish More, is being put together in a former metalworks warehouse at Micklewrights, in the Thorn-gate Trading Estate.

Project leader Alan Priddy said: "The excitement is building within us all after every day as we step closer to getting the boat ready for the challenge."

"We've been flat out working over the past month in a bid to get on the water as soon as possible. The race is really on."

The boat will be big enough to carry 12 people. It will be kitted out with bunk beds, a lounge with sofas, showers and washing facilities. There will also be a communications hub and a control room.

### Volunteers

Mr Priddy said: "The work we have done so far is fantastic, it is finally taking shape."

The boat has been built mostly by volunteer electricians, fabricators and engineers. But more help is needed.

Mr Priddy says he needs a bricklayer to help take down one side of the warehouse so the boat can be moved out.

He has also offered places on the boat for the challenge to break the existing 61-day record. He said: "Any help we can get from the community would be good. I've got eight crew members, but could do with more, so if anyone is interested, let me know."

Mr Priddy hopes to have the 90ft long and 16ft wide boat and crew ready for the challenge on November 4.

But first he wants to take the boat on a practice 4,000 mile return voyage from England to Canada. Anyone who wants to help or volunteer to join the crew, can call Mr Priddy on 07802 237125.

WORK to restore Dudley Zoo's iconic chairlift is reaching its final stages - with visitors able to ride it within weeks.

The frame of the towering structure is now taking shape and the project will eventually bring the lift back into use for the public for the first time in 12 years. Refurbish-

ment of the lift started in May and was originally expected to be completed by the end of July - but it is now set to open around the third week of August following delays.

The lift is being painted its original cream colour following the removal of 16 layers of paint, and a roof has been built.

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**JOSEPH** 40 tall, GSOH, seeks female, 26-48 for fun and relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 394103

**GOOD** looking male, brown hair, blue eyes, 5ft 6ins, seeks female for relationship. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 392092

**HONEST** loyal male, 64, seeks lady for LTR. Tel No: 0906 500 3955 Box No: 393759

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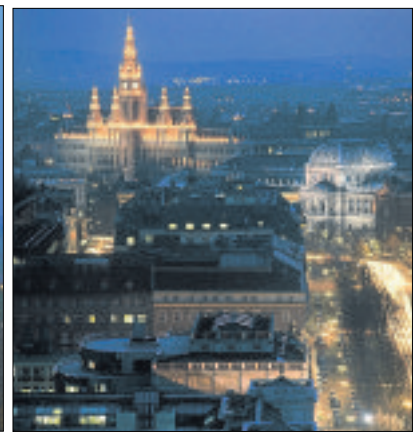
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A view towards City Hall and Burgtheater



Looking over the roofs in the city of Vienna

# Waitz off to Vienna to find why art world is in a whirl

**OPULENCE, decadence, culture as well as the best cakes in the world – Vienna is the traveller's hot ticket for 2012.**

Glimmering galleries and museums stand on almost every corner, and coffee-house aromas of ground beans, hot chocolate and honeyed pastries gild the air.

For the third year running, Vienna has been voted the 'most liveable' city in the world – meaning the health, wealth, leisure and day-to-day needs of its fold are met at an enviable high level. This can only be good news for the tourist whose stresses and cares can be eased by a dip into this well-oiled playground of a capital, where comfort, transport, entertainment and Wiener Schnitzel reign.

**Fascination**

But while today's Vienna is remarkable, it is the Vienna of the early 1900s that holds such a fascination for visitors who want to immerse themselves in the beauty of a bygone era – and the city is ready to share its success.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the birth of artist Gustav Klimt, the turn-of-the-century genius whose painting The Kiss is one of the most easily recognisable and revered images in the world.

Vienna has pulled out all the stops to celebrate. This year there are more works by Klimt on show than ever before through eight special exhibitions and these are in addition to the wealth of his art which is incorporated into the city's buildings.

Art fans with little time should head straight for the Lower Belvedere palace which is home not only to the largest collection of Gustav Klimts but The Kiss, said to epitomise the spirit of

change that heralded the modernist era. It is worth the scrum to savour this vision and to eavesdrop on fellow viewers happy to exchange conflicting views on what the painting means. Discussion still rages on about the identity of the two lovers in the painting and whether their embrace is being shared or endured.

Other must-sees are The Secession building – which houses the Beethoven Frieze; the Kunsthistorisches Museum, which has Klimt's work on the stairway, the ceiling paintings of the Burgtheater; the Wein Museum which has the largest collection of his drawings and my favourite, the Leopold Museum, which is running Klimt: Up Close and Personal until August 27.

Here his masterpieces are exhibited alongside photos of the man himself together with postcards and letters written by him to his muse Emilie Flöge over 20 years. I was lucky enough to be there on its opening night, and the buzz as the artist's life was laid bare was a genuine thrill to experience. Even those with little or no knowledge of art will soon find themselves, as I

did, caught up in the whole saga of Klimt and his friends. In 1910 they were pioneers in the world of literature, visual art, architecture and music and were at the helm of a Vienna that had a population of two million and was the world's fifth largest city. Their legacy is all around. The city is one of the most important cultural centres in the world with architecture, painting, poetry and music in abundance.

It is home to the Vienna Boys' Choir, which was founded in 1498 and counts Joseph Haydn and Franz Schubert among past pupils. Reservations can be made to hear them sing on Sunday mornings in the Palace chapel.

And forward-thinkers should also buy tickets for the renowned Vienna State Opera, which never has the same performance twice.

**Sumptuous**

I enjoyed the most sumptuous production of Carmen, and was almost as spellbound by the majestic staircases, high-ceilings and ornamentation as I was enthralled by Bizet's tragic tale.

For lovers of fresh air, half of the city's total area is made up of gardens, parks, and woods, and as a third of all journeys are made by public transport, they are easy to find.

Rests in between are easy with 800 coffee houses dotted throughout the city.

Food is rich and fulsome – hearty soups, stews, meatballs, herrings and goulash washed down with local beer and wines.

Visitors inspired by what they find can visit the many markets and take home their own taste of Vienna. I did. No pastries or sausage for me though, but a small jug emblazoned with a print of The Kiss – a reminder of a trip which brought art, a city and a whole era to life.

**TRAVEL FACTS**

**British Midland International (bmi)** offers two flights a day between London Heathrow and Vienna. Economy fares start at just £100 return, including taxes.

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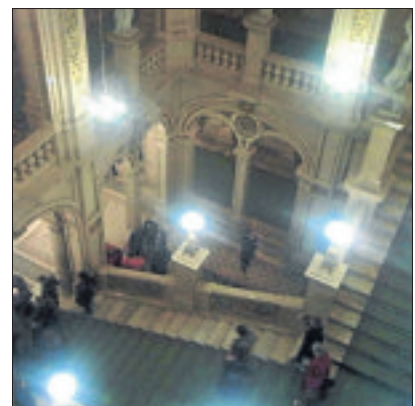
**The CAT (City Airport Train)** runs from directly outside Vienna airport to the heart of the city and costs 16 euros return.

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## Museum search for pictures

A COMPETITION is being held to find photographs to display at the new Kidderminster Museum of Carpet when it opens in October.

The winning entries will be exhibited at museum, which is being built at the former Stourvale Mill, Green Street.

The competition, run by Kidderminster Camera Club, is themed around the town's heritage.

There is no age limit and the photo must be printed on A4 paper. Prizes of £100, £50 and £25 are on offer.

Entries for the contest should be sent to the Museum of Carpet Photo Competition, 5 Fulmer Crescent, Kidderminster, DY10 4HL. The closing date is September 1.

Visit [www.carpetmuseum.co.uk](http://www.carpetmuseum.co.uk) for an entry form.

## Charity day for homeless

A CHARITY day held at a business in Hartlebury, near Kidderminster, raised £6,000 for Mags Day Centre, Worcester.

CP Foods, which is on Hartlebury Trading Estate, staged a 1km fun run, falconry displays, Ferrari driving experience and a barbecue on July 17.

The money will go towards a £24,000 project to build a shower block and renovate the centre which supports homeless and isolated people.

# Public asked to help shape council tax discount scheme

WYRE Forest District Council has launched a consultation exercise about options for council tax discounts for April 2013 onwards.

The present system of council tax benefit is being replaced, and the council is seeking views about its local scheme of discounts to help working age people pay their council tax.

Councillor Nathan Desmond, cabinet member for resources and transformation, said: "All councils are facing tough choices as a result of the Government's decision to end the national council tax benefit scheme and replace it with locally-decided discount schemes."

"The Government has decided that payments to pensioners cannot be changed and the level of support towards their council tax bill will remain unchanged.

### Reduction

"But the funding from Government is being reduced by 10 per cent in April 2013."

This means a reduction of £850,000 for Wyre Forest, of which £110,000 has to be found by Wyre Forest District Council, with the rest to be found by Worcestershire County Council, the police authority and the fire service.

Councillor Desmond said: "Councils are having to look at whether to pass this reduction on to people of working age who receive

by Tim Spiers

council tax benefit, reduce spending on other services, or increase council tax."

The options include the creation of a hardship fund that would allow the council to consider help for anyone disadvantaged by any reduction in support they receive.

Councillor Desmond said: "We are asking for comments on the options that should be used to shape the scheme. The options we've outlined are based on the following principles: Every household with working age claimants should pay something; the scheme should incentivise people into work; people with greater savings receive less support; protection through a hardship fund to those who are least able to pay, and the scheme will be in support of the council's priorities of an increased supply of good quality, affordable homes."

People can see the options and a questionnaire on the council website. Responses can also be emailed to [counciltaxconsultation@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:counciltaxconsultation@wyreforestdc.gov.uk)



Jo Beacham, who has launched More Tea Vicar, with the Rev Simon Harry, from Bewdley Baptist Church Picture: Melanie Martin Photography

## Well, my old china, is it time for tea?

AN entrepreneur hopes to turn her thirst for fine china into profits after starting up her own business.

Bone china collector Jo Beacham, from Bewdley, has launched More Tea Vicar, which hires out vintage bone china for special occasions.

The 250-piece collection, which includes intricate 1940s-tiered cake stands and rare tea sets, has been built up by Ms Beacham since the 1980s.

The 41-year-old hopes to capture the imagination of Wyre Forest's event managers and people organising a special celebration.

"I have been passionate about collecting unique pieces of fine china since I was a little girl and some of my fondest memories are of my grandmother's cherished tea sets," she said. "I felt I could turn them into a credible business." Interest is already high, despite More Tea Vicar being just a few weeks old and the recession.

"In many ways the recession has brought back a real sense of nostalgia across the country so I am very hopeful the business will do well," she added.

"With it being a diamond jubilee and Olympic year I think people are positive about everything that's British."

Visit [www.vicarschina.co.uk](http://www.vicarschina.co.uk) or call 01299 403763 to book.

## NEWS in brief

### Children can join hunt for wildlife

CHILDREN can stroll along wildlife trails at the Clent Hills.

Activities including pond dipping are available every Tuesday during the summer holidays. The trails cost £1 per child and run from 10am until 3pm. Families do not need to book and can just drop in at the National Trust stand at Nimmings Wood car park. Ranger Bob Ayres said: "The activities are a great way for families to explore the outdoors together, get their hands dirty and have fun with nature."

### Walk waterways to help hospice

MORE than 180 walkers have signed up off the third Waterways Walk in Worcestershire on August 19 is in aid of St Richard's Hospice, Worcester.

Last year, 300 walkers took part and raised more than £29,000 through sponsorship and donations. Event organisers hope the walk will prove just as popular this year.

Walkers have the choice of a 21-mile circular route or a shorter 10-mile option. Call 01905 763963.

### Raffle's £500 aid

MORE than £500 has been raised for Kemp Hospice, Kidderminster by a raffle run by TWS, Hospice community fundraiser Ele Millward said: "We are really grateful to the whole of the TWS team."

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# Gran's legacy used in battle on cancer



Living legacy – Jane Rymer and daughter Sarah Wall

**A GRANDMOTHER left £50,000 in her will to Cancer Research UK to help combat the disease that struck three generations of her family. Margaret Wall, who was successfully treated for ovarian cancer in 2001, died aged 85 seven years later.**

Her daughter Jane Rymer, who lives in Belbroughton, near Stourbridge, and granddaughter Sarah Wall also suffered from breast cancer.

Now years later, both have survived and presented the generous legacy to the charity during a tour of the Birmingham Cancer Research UK Centre.

It will be used exclusively to fund the charity's breast cancer research across the UK.

## Proud

Mrs Rymer, who promotes houses for parties and corporate events, said: "I'm so proud of my mother and the legacy she has left."

The then 54-year-old was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer in 2003 after making a chance comment about a dimple to a doctor. Mrs Rymer, mother-of-two, had undergone surgery to remove a lump, then four months of chemotherapy and three weeks of radiotherapy when Margaret died.

Margaret's granddaughter, Sarah, 35, from Edgbaston, was also diagnosed with breast cancer in 2007 at the age of 30. She underwent



Margaret Wall

surgery three times during four-and-a-half years but is now back at work.

Mrs Rymer, of Hackman's Gate, near Belbroughton, added: "The lives of those who have cancer and their families are deeply affected and while Sarah and I have beaten the disease it's important to recognise that not everyone survives."

"It's our hope that mum's legacy will help Cancer Research UK beat the disease for everyone."

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# Wall Heath Bridal Business Goes From Strength to Strength

An ambitious mother of three from Wall Heath who had a successful 20 year career as first a nurse and then a midwife, has seen her new business venture reach new heights over the last 4 months.

Natalie Neale set up her business, Brides Revisited, back in 2010 combining her midwife career with running a business and being a full time Mum! Brides Revisited specialise in pre-owned designer wedding and prom dresses as well as also catering for Mothers of the Bride outfits. After initially running the business on a part time basis, in March this year Natalie decided to take the plunge and leave her successful midwife career to concentrate on the bridal business full time.

The first step was to find suitable premises which were found at 13, Enville Road, Wall Heath giving Natalie a prime location in the town and enable Brides Revisited to be the first business in the area offering pre-owned wedding dresses. Natalie said "It was fairly daunting leaving an established career to set up a full time business but I was enjoying it so much on a part time basis and the response had been so good that I knew it would be worth it. The support from the community and other local businesses has been fantastic and it makes it all worthwhile when you see brides to be try on a dress for their special day"



Emma Marsh joins Natasha to model one of the new Bridesmaid dresses available

Natalie sources her stock from all over the country with all the dresses stocked no more than 3 years old. Customers can bring in their dresses to the shop and Natalie will make them an offer there and then which means customers do not have to wait for their dress to be sold. If you are looking to purchase a dress prices start at 100 and all sizes are catered for up to size 30. A full seamstress service is on offer and the dress is cleaned thoroughly for you before you purchase it.

As well as wedding dresses prom dresses are also available and a sign of Natalie's growing reputation was evident in a recent visit from a celebrity. Actress and model, Amanda Edwards, star of TV series TOWIE found out about Brides Revisited from a photographer at a wedding fayre and brought one of the dresses she wore in the show to shop. Natalie said "We were over the moon when Amanda visited us and had no hesitation in putting her dress in our shop window, with all proceeds from any sale going to charity."

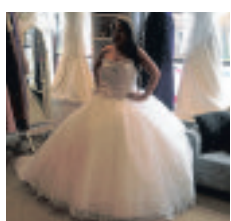


Brides Revisited Owner, Natalie Neale

The charity aspect is something very close to Natalie's heart and on September 6th she will be doing a charity sky dive in Nottingham in aid of the Air Ambulance. There are other events planned with Natalie eager to get other businesses in the area involved with her charity work. In return she helps promote new businesses in the shop by stocking their leaflets or business cards, all connected to the wedding industry. This gives customers the opportunity to not only buy their dress but also plan their whole wedding in practically one visit!

So if you are looking for a cost effective way of purchasing your wedding dress then why not pay Brides Revisited a visit and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere as you try on as many dresses as you like. Bring your bridesmaids and Mum as well as brand new bridesmaids dresses can be ordered and mothers of the bride pre owned are also now available.

Brides Revisited will also be appearing at a Wedding Fayre at The Kingfisher Hotel in Wall Heath on the 9th September, Natalie would love to see you there! The business also has its own facebook page and twitter account so you can keep up to date with stock and all things happening at the business through social media.



Natasha Tomlinson models one of Natalie's designer dresses worth £2000 new and now available for £600



## NEWS

# Kewford Eagles flying high with £800k boost



From left, Lee Small, club secretary, Keith Marks, club chairman; Ross Ensor, Kewford's U8's manager who was chosen to cover a stretch of the Olympic Torch relay, with Brett Woodall and Lynn Boleyn, charity trustees

## GRASSROOTS sport in Wall Heath, near Stourbridge, has received a significant boost.

It follows the news that Kewford Eagles Kewford Eagles Football Club has been awarded a grant of £800,000 from the Football Foundation, the country's largest sports charity.

The funding will allow Kewford Eagles to develop 11 full-size football pitches, along with changing rooms,

toilets and car parking on 30 acres of land that it is leasing next to Dudley Kingswinford Rugby Club.

Charity trustee Lynn Boleyn said: "Obviously we are very pleased to have received £800,000 from the Football Foundation towards our project.

"Work will hopefully start in the next couple of months and will be completed by Summer 2014. Kewford Eagles is predominately a children's football club based in Wall Heath. The

Club has around 500 children playing for it including boys, girls and those with disabilities and there are also senior teams.

"We are very proud of all the volunteers in our Club without whom our Club could not operate. Kewford is a Community Club providing football for all regardless of age or ability.

"All volunteers give up many hours every week to help manage and coach the teams."

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## NEWS

# Anonymous tip-off led to metal thieves' arrest

## Store helps Maddy



Front, Maddy Box-Poole with uncle David Rose with Pink Panther Kerri Pickett and Scooby Doo Hannah Bridgewater, back left to right, Lorraine Cooper, Maddy's sister Isobel, Councillor Qadar Zada, David's daughter Jordan Rose, and aunt Angela Bekker

FUNDRAISERS donned fancy dress at a Dudley supermarket to help bring in much-needed cash for a poorly youngster. A host of activities were organised by staff at Asda, in Netherton, after hearing the plight of five-year-old Maddy Box-Poole from Tividale.

She was joined by her uncle David Rose to meet the fundraisers herself during the event. Crews from Cradley Heath fire station held a

sponsored car wash while staff manned cake stalls.

Organiser Lorraine Cooper, who works at the store, in Saltwells Road, devised the plan.

"The customers have been brilliant," she said.

Maddy suffers from Batten Disease, a degenerative disorder of the nervous system. Cash raised will help pay for her family to take her for treatment in America.

A STOURBRIDGE man was one of two caught stealing drain covers off waste land in the town after an anonymous tip-off, a court heard.

One of them was a 72-year-old who claimed he was collecting aluminium beer cans from waste land when the other man, who is from Stourbridge, asked if he could load them onto his trailer.

Pensioner Ivan Allen, of Avenue Road, Blackheath, admitted stealing the drain covers and Dudley magistrates gave him a 12-month conditional discharge and ordered him to pay £85 costs.

In a case heard separately, Mark Bilsby, aged 48, of Trinity Road, Stourbridge, also admitted the theft. Sentencing was adjourned until August 17 for reports after the court heard his record included a total of 50 previous convictions involving 108 offences, many of them for dishonesty.

### Consent

He was allowed bail on condition he does not go into any derelict building or industrial premises or on to an industrial estate without consent.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said police received an anonymous call saying two men were stealing drain covers and were on waste land off Lowndes Road, Stourbridge.

When they arrived the police found one of the drain covers on a trailer belonging to Allen. Mr Cooper said that Bilsby told officers: "I've just got a bit of scrap."

He said the holes left by the removed drain covers were then made safe.

Mr Michael Davies, defending Bilsby, said: "This kind of offence is quite prevalent in the West Midlands area and senior courts have made certain comments, which aggravates the seriousness of these offences."

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## CLUB NEWS

A party to  
celebrate  
the jubilee

# Happy afternoon for all at 'big tea' event

### STOURTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the Jubilee meeting in June more than 40 members enjoyed a 'street party' with rows of trestle tables covered in union flag tablecloths and flower decorations which were later given as raffle prizes.

During the evening the committee served members with savouries and cakes. The ladies enjoyed 'pass the parcel' with lots of hidden surprises, a quiz with a royal theme and guess the names of the baby photographs.

The competition had encouraged everyone to make and wear a crown or tiara and the evening ended with the National Anthem and a toast to the Queen.

In July, Paul Betterton entertained members with an illustrated talk entitled 'The Titanic Story: The dream begat a nightmare, the nightmare begat a legend.' He told of strange happenings and premonitions before the sailing, discouraging some sailors and passengers from embarking. It was a very interesting and comprehensive story with many questions still remaining unanswered 100 years later.

August events include the president's garden party and a trip to Malvern Theatre to see Noel Coward's play Volcano. Members also enjoyed art and craft, lunch visits, poetry, bridge and walking.

At the next meeting on September 18, 7.30pm at Stourton village hall David



Inner Wheel Club president Janet Weston with Carl & Gill Downing together with the President of Sedgley & Wombourne Rotary Club Rotarian Tony Brown

### INNER WHEEL CLUB SEDGLEY & WOMBOURNE

ON JULY 7 the Inner Wheel club of Sedgley & Wombourne held a Marie Curie 'Big Tea Party' at the home of Gill and Carl Downing. The sun came out and a happy afternoon

was enjoyed by all the guests. Delicious teas and cakes were served and Sainsbury's sponsored the event by providing jam and cream for the home made scones.

## History of postal service

AT THE July meeting Chris Jackson spoke about the 'Postal History of Worcestershire'.

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in 1661. Rowland Hill, born in Kidderminster, showed an interest in postal reform. In January 1840 he was given a two-year contract to run the new system and introduced the penny post.

Progress of the postal service and the introduction of the automation in later years is the subject of a further talk.

The next speaker on August 6 is Mark Hannan on "Antiques at Auction".

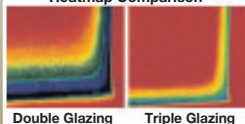
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## OUT AND ABOUT

# Sherlock investigates a Victorian town mystery

**AMATEUR** sleuths can meet Sherlock Holmes and Dr John Watson when they return to Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire's Ironbridge Gorge for the Detectives Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, August 4 and 5.

The intrepid duo and their housekeeper Mrs Hudson, from 221b Baker Street in London, will arrive at the Shropshire town in a Hansom Cab drawn by a pair of horses. Meet them outside the Print Shop at 12noon and 2pm and hear more about the mystery from the famous detective and his side-kick, and maybe offer some crime busting suggestions of your own.

You can also follow a trail of clues around the open-air museum and put your powers of deduction to the test as you search for lost objects - anyone finding all the missing items can collect a small reward from the Post Office.

Blists Hill is also set to greet town criers from across Britain who will be taking part in the fourth annual Town Crier Competition at the location near Ironbridge at 11.30am on Sunday, August 12.

The reigning champion from Banbury, who has won the past two years, will be aiming to retain his title for a



Is a shocking discovery in store for Holmes and Watson as part of the fun activities at Ironbridge Gorge's Blists Hill Victorian Town in Shropshire this weekend?

further year. With many dressed in elaborate robes with tricorn hats, they will make quite a spectacle.

They traditionally ring a handbell as they shout the words "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!", which is a call for silence before announcements.

Taking place on the last day of the town's Blacksmith weekend, the theme

for this year's event is aptly 'blacksmiths'. The prizes will be made in Blists Hill's own foundry and will be presented at 2pm.

Shrewsbury's Town Crier Martin Wood will be running the competition - standing at 7ft 2 inches tall, the gentle giant is also the world's tallest crier. Open 10am to 5pm Blists Hill is one of the

Ironbridge Gorge Museums. An annual passport allows entry to all ten museums, valid for 12 months with unlimited return visits, costing £23.25 (adult), £18.75 (60 plus), £15.25 (student/children) and £64 for a family of two adults and their children aged up to 18 in full time education, under 5s free.

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# What's On! Stourbridge

## Sounds of 70s and 80s at gig

AN alternative 70s and 80s band will be playing in Stourbridge tomorrow night (FRIDAY).

The Boys from Next Door promise a night to remember when they play at the River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane. The band is described as being a cover band with a difference.

The songs they play include hits by The Jam, The Specials, The Undertones and The Police.

The performance will begin at 7.30pm. Tickets, priced at £7, are available from the box office on 01384 397177.

## Music and art in free festival

MUSIC, dance and drama will be performed at a free festival being held for the first time in Stourbridge. SMARTfest will take place from August 10 to 12.

On the Friday an art trail and poetry event will be held at the town's Ryemarket Shopping Centre. Musical events will be held at the town hall, in Market Street, from 2pm to 8pm on the Saturday and the event will culminate with a variety show at the same venue on the Sunday.

## Share antics

WEST Midlands-based Animal Antics will show off snakes and spiders in the centre of Stourbridge on August 10. A circus skills workshop for would-be jugglers and plate spinners will be on August 31.

# Stone Roses return to join The Killers as V headliners

**TENS of thousands of music fans will descend on Staffordshire later this month for the 17th annual V Festival.**

American rockers The Killers make a welcome return to Weston Park to headline this year's two-day pop and rock bonanza alongside Manchester's comeback kings The Stone Roses, who are due to appear at V for the first time.

## Ben will be Jesus at NIA

WINNER of TV show Superstar Ben Forster will take the starring role in Birmingham when Jesus Christ Superstar comes to the NIA on October 4 and on its newly announced additional NIA date of October 5.

Forster will play the leading role in the first ever UK arena tour of Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber's hit musical from the 1970s.

He will join Aussie comedian and musician Tim Minchin as Judas Iscariot, former Spice Girl and Superstar judge Melanie C as Mary Magdalene and outgoing Radio 1 breakfast DJ Chris Moyles as King Herod. Tickets cost from £45 to £65 (plus fees). Call 0844 338 8000.

Noel Gallagher's High Flying Birds, Snow Patrol, Tinie Tempah, Example, Nicki Minaj, Ed Sheeran and David Guetta have been lined up for the popular festival, which takes place on August 18 and 19.

Also on the bill are The Happy Mondays, Tom Jones, James Morrison, Rizzle Kicks, The Enemy, Pixie Lott, Keane, Nero and Madness.

## Comedy

Dozens of acts will be spread across four stages while the Glee Club Comedy Tent - being headlined by top stand-ups Sean Lock and Tim Minchin - returns.

The Stone Roses, fronted by V favourite Ian Brown, are set to attract a big crowd having reunited last year following a 15-year hiatus.

Tickets are still available see [www.vfestival.com/tickets](http://www.vfestival.com/tickets) for details.



Former Oasis man Noel Gallagher bring his High Flying Birds to the V Festival

## Apocalyptic concert for rocker Slash

SLASH, English-born guitarist with American band Guns N' Roses, is coming to Birmingham NIA in October as part of his UK solo tour.

The gig on October 9 follows the success of Slash's second solo album, Apocalyptic Love. It followed the Staffordshire-raised rocker's 2010 debut album Slash and his first live solo album Made In Stoke 24/7/11.

## Lydon

Tickets will be on sale from 9am tomorrow (Friday) priced at £32 (plus fees) available online from [www.theticketfactory.com](http://www.theticketfactory.com) or by calling 0844 338 8000.

Meanwhile, former Sex Pistols frontman John Lydon brings his new-look Public Image Ltd to Wolverhampton's Wulfrun Hall tonight (Friday). Tickets are £25. Call 0870 320 700.

## Join haunt for castle ghosts

VISITORS to Dudley Castle can go in search of ghouls and ghosts at the latest in a series of popular night-time events. The latest supper and ghost hunt takes place on August 11 from 7.30pm to 3am.

Visitors will work in small groups but can also go alone in certain areas. As midnight approaches everyone will join together for a séance in the area of the site that has been identified as "most active".

Tickets for the event, arranged by Haunted Happenings, cost £59. For more information call 01527451873.

## Hall to be venue for all-stars band

PAUL Drakeley and his All-Stars Band will perform at Himley Hall on August 5 from 2.30pm as part of a programme of gigs across the Dudley borough.

The group will perform music from Big Band favourites such as Glenn Miller and Artie Shaw. The band has performed at venues across the world.

## Enjoy past times

RESIDENTS can relive the 80s when a live band performs on Saturday. The band, 80s Sensations, performs at the River Rooms, in Mill Race Lane, from 7.30pm. Artists covered include Spandau Ballet, Duran Duran and Wham! Tickets are priced at £8.

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# What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 4.08.12

### CHOICE



Laura Trott

**Olympics 2012 BBC1, 6.50pm**  
Gary Lineker presents, as athletics takes centre stage on a potentially glorious night for Team GB. Assuming she made it through the first six events unscathed, Jessica Ennis will be hoping to earn the gold medal in the heptathlon. The Sheffield star will be sure to use up every remaining ounce of energy as she battles to earn a memorable overall victory, although defending champion Nataliya Dobrynska is unlikely to give up her title without a fight. Mo Farah is also in action tonight, as he takes on the world's elite in the 10,000m.

### BBC1

**6.00** Olympic Breakfast. A round-up of national and international news. **8.45** Olympics 2012. Mishal Husain introduces coverage of the opening event on day eight of the Games, as the women's triathlon takes place in and around Hyde Park from 9.00. **11.20** Olympics 2012. The concluding rowing finals and the start of the men's 100m athletics. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Olympics 2012. Clare Balding introduces further coverage of 'Super Saturday', which includes the women's tennis singles final and the women's trampoline final. **5.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.15** Olympics 2012. The latest track cycling finals. **6.50** Olympics 2012. Gary Lineker introduces a busy evening of events at the Olympic Stadium. The full schedule features the men's 400m hurdles semi-finals from **7.00**, women's discus final from **7.30**, women's 100m semi-finals from **7.35** and final at **9.55**, men's long jump final from **7.55**, women's 400m semi-finals from **8.05**, heptathlon 800m at **8.35** and the men's 10,000m final at **9.15**. **10.10** BBC News; Weather. **10.30** The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. **10.40** Olympics Tonight. Gabby Logan and guests look back on the eighth day's events at the London Games, and present live coverage of the sports still taking place, featuring men's boxing and basketball. **12.00** BBC News. **12.10** Olympic Sportsday. Dan Walker presents a final round-up of the eighth day's events at London 2012. **12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

### BBC2

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.15** Film: Fort Apache. (1948) **2.20** Film: The Fall of the Roman Empire. (1964) **5.15** Antiques Road Trip. (R) **6.00** Great British Railway Journeys. Michael Portillo investigates parallel 'roads' etched in the side of Glen Roy. (R) **6.30** Flog It! The team visits Loughborough, Leicestershire, where valuable finds include a pair of Whitefriars glass vases, a Shelley tea set and a Moorcroft vase. (R) **7.30** Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat, planning to use it for coastal patrols, but they get lost in fog and believe they have crossed the Channel when they finally reach dry land. (R) **8.00** BBC Proms 2012. From the Royal Albert Hall, London, conductor Herve Niquet leads Le Concert Spirituel in performances of Handel's Water Music and the Music for the Royal Fireworks. Presented by Katie Derham. **9.20** QI. With Bill Bailey, Rich Hall and Rob Brydon. (R) **9.50** TOTP2: Summerline Special. Archive summer sounds, featuring songs by the Undertones, Bananarama, Bay City Rollers, Fun Boy Three, the Style Council, Martha and the Muffins, Bryan Adams, Girls Aloud and ELO. (R) National Lottery Update. **10.50** Film: Little Voice. (1998) Comedy drama, starring Jane Horrocks. **12.20** Film: The Boys and Girl from County Clare. (2003) **1.50** Close.

### ITV1

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.20** CITV. **8.25** Saturday Cookbook. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Real Housewives of New York City. **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.30** Film: All Creatures Great and Small. (1975) **3.10** Film: Moonraker. (1979) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. **5.30** Regional Programme; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather. **6.00** Agatha Christie's Marple. A former policeman helps Miss Marple investigate a series of suspicious deaths in a peaceful village. Murder mystery, starring Julia McKenzie and Benedict Cumberbatch. (R) **8.00** Midsomer Murders. Barnaby investigates the world of Midsomer Priory when a nun is found strangled, and uncovers a mystery involving holy orders, teenage liaisons and missing antique silver. (R) **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Mad Mad World. Stacey Solomon, Eamonn Holmes and Stephen K Amos are the guests joining Rufus Hound, Rhys Darby and regular panellist Rob Rouse for the comedy quiz. Presented by Paddy McGuinness. **11.00** Take Me Out. A construction worker, a fitness trainer, an accountant and a personnel recruiter try to impress 30 women, and last week's couples go on their dates. Paddy McGuinness presents. (R) **12.15** The Store: ITV News Headlines. **2.15** In Plain Sight. (R) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

### CHANNEL 4

**6.05** The Hoobs. (R) **6.30** British F3. **7.00** The Grid. **7.25** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – Hannah Cockcroft Part III. (R) **7.30** Road to London 2012: That Paralympic Show. (R) **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** T4: Ibiza Rocks: Kasabian. (R) **9.20** T4: The Dark Knight Rises: T4 Movie Special. **9.55** T4: New Girl. (R) **10.25** T4: Revenge. **11.25** T4: Suburgetory. **11.55** T4: Summer Daze. **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Channel 4 Presents: London 2012 – David Smith Part III. (R) **4.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.15** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.50** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.20** Come Dine with Me. Duncan Powell hosts the final dinner party in Newport, Gwent. (R) **6.45** Channel 4 News. **7.15** 4thought.tv. **7.20** The Million Pound Drop. Made in Chelsea's Hugo and Binky continue from last night, followed by Frankie Dettori and John McCricker, who get to see the categories and then decide who they want to answer it. **9.00** Film: Fracture. (2007) Premiere. A man shoots his wife, confesses the crime, and represents himself in court, where he demolishes the prosecution's case. Thriller, with Anthony Hopkins and Ryan Gosling. **11.15** Film: Heat. (1995) Crime thriller, starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino. **2.15** The Million Pound Drop. (R) **3.45** Channel 4 Presents – London 2012: Mandip Sehmi Part III. (R) **3.50** Happy Endings. **4.10** St Elsewhere. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.55** Sail Mali. (R)

### CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **10.35** Batman: The Brave and the Bold. **11.10** Looney Tunes. **11.20** Big Brother: The Eviction. (R) **12.20** Film: McBride: Fallen Idol. (2006) **2.00** Talking to Heaven. (R) **5.15** Film: Jesse James: Death in Paradise. (2006) **6.55** 5 News Weekend. **7.00** Cricket on 5. England v South Africa. **8.00** NCIS. The agents try to recapture a marine who escaped from a psychiatric unit. They are convinced he is suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder, but they uncover a dark secret. (R) **9.00** Big Brother. Marcus Bentley narrates as the housemates lie in their beds, chat on the sofas and argue in the kitchen – all to give the viewing public something to talk about tomorrow. **10.10** CSI: Miami. Ryan and Walter investigate a killing at a trailer park, but suffer a major setback when a tornado hits the crime scene, blowing away vital evidence – including the corpse. **11.10** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. A man covered from head to toe with hair, a condition dubbed "human werewolf syndrome", is found murdered, and the investigators discover a surprise witness at the scene. (R) **12.10** SuperCasino. **4.00** HouseBusters. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) **5.00** Hand's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

### DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**9.00am** Olympics 2012 **2.00pm** Olympics 2012 **7.00pm** Olympics 2012  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** The Blue Planet **8.00** 10 Things You Didn't Know About Avalanches **9.00** Wallander: Sidelacked **10.15** Julia Bradbury's Iceland Walk **11.15** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.50** Pavlopetri – The City Beneath the Waves  
**ITV2**  
**2.10** America's Got Talent **4.55** Film: The Flintstones in Viva Rock Vegas (2000) **6.45** Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (2005) **9.00** Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (2008) **11.10** Film: Batman & Robin (1997)  
**ITV3**  
**4.05** Inspector Morse **6.25** Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (1966) **8.20** Film: Carry On Camping (1969) Comedy, starring Sid James. **10.00** Agatha Christie's Marple  
**ITV4**  
**3.20** The Sweeney **4.25** Film: The Battle of Midway (1976) **7.00** Film: 633 Squadron (1964) **9.00** Film: Rocky (1976) Oscar-winning drama, starring Sylvester Stallone. **11.25** Film: Ned Kelly (2003)  
**E4**  
**3.00** Desperate Housewives **4.00** Revenge **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Suburgetory **9.00** Film: Hot Rod (2007) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.45** The Midnight Beast  
**Film4**  
**2.50** Carry On Cabby (1963) **4.40** Meet Dave (2008) **6.25** The Great Debaters (2007) **9.00** PS I Love You (2007) Romantic drama, starring Hilary Swank and Gerard Butler. **11.25** 30 Days of Night (2007)

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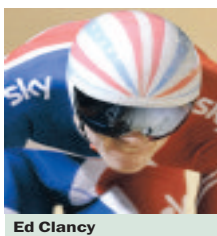




## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 5.08.12

## CHOICE



**Olympics 2012 BBC1, 6.00pm**  
The men's Omnium track cycling concludes at the London Velodrome, with the 1km time-trial deciding the destination of the medals from 6.16. The time-trial is the last of six disciplines that make up the Omnium and Britain will be looking to Ed Clancy here as a real hope for team GB for success in an event that was not included in the 2008 Games, which took place in Beijing. Presented by Sue Barker alongside Jake Humphrey, with commentary provided by Hugh Porter alongside Chris Boardman, and trackside reports coming from Jill Douglas.

## BBC1

**6.00 Olympic Breakfast.** A round-up of national and international news. **9.00 Olympics 2012.** Coverage of the opening sports on day nine of the Games. **10.45 BBC News.** **10.50 Olympics 2012.** The women's marathon. Clare Balding and Tanni Grey-Thompson present coverage from the streets of London. With commentary by Steve Cram and Brendan Foster. **1.30 Olympics 2012.** Clare Balding introduces coverage of the first-ever women's Olympic boxing bout, the conclusion of the men's Finn class sailing and the men's singles tennis final. **4.00 Olympics 2012.** The men's singles tennis final and track cycling races. **5.35 BBC News.**  
**6.00 Olympics 2012.** The conclusion of the men's Omnium track cycling, with the 1km time-trial deciding the destination of the medals. Presented by Sue Barker and Jake Humphrey.  
**6.50 Olympics 2012.** Gary Lineker presents coverage of this evening's athletics at the Olympic Stadium. The full schedule features the women's 400m hurdles first round from 7.00, men's high jump qualification from 7.05, women's triple jump final from 7.35, men's 100m semi-finals from 7.45 and final at 9.50, men's 1500m semi-finals from 8.15, men's hammer final from 8.20, men's 400m semi-finals from 8.40, women's 400m final at 9.10 and men's 3,000m steeplechase final at 9.25.  
**10.15 BBC News.**  
**10.40 Olympics Tonight.**  
**12.00 BBC News.** **12.10 Olympic Sportsday.** **12.55 Weather.**  
**1.00 BBC News.**

## BBC2

**6.00 CBeebies.** **7.00 CBBC.** **10.00 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.30 Raymond Blanc: The Very Hungry Frenchman.** (R) Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.30 Film: Buchanan Rides Alone.** (1958) **1.50 Olympics 2012.** The opening artistic gymnastics apparatus finals. **4.30 Great British Railway Journeys.** (R) **5.00 Songs of Praise.** **5.35 Olympics 2012.** The women's track cycling sprint races. **6.00 A History of Ancient Britain.**  
**Special: Orkney's Stone Age Temple.** Neil Oliver reports on a recently discovered 5,000-year-old temple on Orkney, which is helping to increase knowledge and understanding of the Neolithic people. (R)  
**7.00 Antiques Roadshow.** Fiona Bruce and the team visit Tatton Park in Cheshire, where the keepsakes and collectibles up for valuation include one of the rarest known pieces of Royal Worcester porcelain. (R)  
**8.00 Exploring China: A Culinary Adventure.** New series. Ken Hom and Ching He-Huang set out on a culinary trek across the country, beginning in Beijing by visiting restaurants and learning locals' traditional cooking methods. (R)  
**9.00 The Dark: Nature's Nighttime World.** Nocturnal creatures in a flooded Amazon forest. (R)  
**10.00 Film: Edge of Darkness.** (2010) Premiere. Thriller, starring Mel Gibson.  
**11.45 Film: Judgment Night.** (1993) Thriller, starring Emilio Estevez.  
**1.30 Sign Zone: Holby City.** (R)  
**2.30 Britain's Heritage Heroes.** (R)  
**3.00 Real Rescues.** (R) **3.45 Close.**

## ITV1

**6.00 CITV: Mini CITV.** **7.20 CITV.** **8.25 Dinner Deal.** **9.25 ITV News.** **9.30 House Gift.** (R) **11.25 There's No Taste Like Home.** (R) **11.25 The Hungry Sailors.** (R) **12.25 ITV News: Weather.** **12.30 Dickinson's Real Deal.** (R) **1.30 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **2.30 Film: Columbo: It's All in the Game.** (1993) **4.25 Doc Martin.** (R) **5.25 Doc Martin.** (R)  
**6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.**  
**6.40 ITV News: Weather.**  
**7.00 The Zoo.** Part one of two. The programme reveals how the keepers entertain the 1.5 million visitors to the Zoological Society of London receives annually.  
**8.00 A Touch of Frost.** Part one of two. David Jason is joined by guests Phyllis Logan and Adrian Dunbar for his last-ever turn as Jack Frost, investigating a copycat killer and the murder of a teenager. (R)  
**10.00 ITV News at Ten: Weather.**  
**10.15 The Briefs.** Two-part documentary exploring the world of criminal law, with access to one of Britain's leading legal-aid practices. A man is on trial for blackmailing Coleen Rooney. (R)  
**11.20 Premiership Rugby Sevens Series.** Action from the Recreation Ground in Bath, as the winners and runners-up from the three groups competed in two more pools, before the top two sides contested the final.  
**12.15 The Store: ITV News Headlines.** **2.15 Golden Balls.** Game show, hosted by Jasper Carrott. (R) **3.05 Motorsport UK.** **3.55 ITV Nightscreen.** **5.30 ITV Morning News.**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.00 The Treacle People.** (R) **6.10 The Hoobs.** (R) **6.35 The Hoobs.** (R) **7.00 Intelligent Sport UK Challenge.** **7.25 Channel 4 Presents - London 2012: Danielle Brown Part III.** (R) **7.30 Road to London 2012: Paralympics Extra.** A preview of the swimming competition at the Games. **8.00 Will & Grace.** (R) **8.25 Will & Grace.** (R) **8.50 Frasier.** (R) **9.20 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 Sunday Brunch.** **12.30 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.35 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.05 The Simpsons.** (R) **2.35 Jamie Does Venice.** (R) **3.40 How to Cook Like Heston.** (R) **4.15 Deal or No Deal.** **5.15 Film: Hairspray.** (2007)  
**Channel 4 News.**  
**4.00 Thought IV.** Chaplain Graham Locking discusses the important things in life.  
**8.00 Come Dine with Me.** Well-heeled estate agent James Quantrell hosts the first of four dinner parties in Surrey, with a best of British-themed evening, and the group dynamics soon become a talking point.  
**9.00 Thelma's Gypsy Girls.** Four of the trainees work on their first wedding dress, but two of them squander their chance to impress and end up suspended from the course.  
**10.00 Film: Sex and the City.** (2008) Journalist Carrie prepares for her wedding, but fiancé Big is starting to get cold feet. Comedy, starring Sarah Jessica Parker, Kim Cattrall, Kristin Davis and Cynthia Nixon.  
**12.50 Film: 35 Shots of Rum.** (2008) Premiere. Drama, starring Alex Descas and Matt Dillon. **2.35 Camelot.** (R) **3.25 Holyoaks.** (R) **5.30 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00 Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots.** (R) **6.25 City of Friends.** (R) **6.40 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs.** (R) **6.50 Castle Farm.** (R) **6.55 Abby's Flying Fairy School.** (R) **7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.15 Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **7.25 Play!** (R) **7.35 Noddy in Toyland.** (R) **7.45 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.50 Milkshake! Show Challenges.** (R) **7.55 Milkshake! Show Songs.** (R) **8.00 Little Princess.** (R) **8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.30 Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.45 Rupert Bear.** (R) **9.00 Bananas in Pyjamas.** (R) **9.10 The Mr Men Show.** (R) **9.25 Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **9.40 Jelly Jamm.** (R) **10.00 Power Rangers: Super Samurai.** **10.35 Batman: The Brave and the Bold.** **11.10 Looney Tunes.** **11.20 Monkey Life.** (R) **11.50 Big Brother.** (R) **12.55 Film: Daleks' Invasion Earth: 2150 AD.** (1966) **2.35 Film: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege.** (1989) **4.20 Film: The Karate Kid.** (1984)  
**5.55 5 News Weekend.**  
**7.00 Cricket on 5.** England v South Africa.  
**8.00 Once Upon a Time.** Mr Gold is convinced he knows August's true identity.  
**9.00 Big Brother.** Further coverage from the reality show enclave.  
**10.00 Film: Ultraviolet.** (2006) Sci-fi thriller, starring Milla Jovovich, Cameron Bright and Nick Chinlund.  
**11.50 Film: Alien Hunter.** (2003) **1.35 SuperCasino.** **4.00 Sons of Anarchy.** **4.45 Rough Guide to Weekend Breaks.** (R) **5.00 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.10 The Milkshake!** Show. (R) **5.35 Thomas & Friends.** (R) **5.45 Roary the Racing Car.** (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**9.00am Olympics 2012 2.00pm Olympics 2012 7.00pm Olympics 2012**  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00 Himalaya** with Michael Palin  
**8.00 Frank Skinner on George Formby** **9.00 The Road to Coronation Street** **10.20 Timeshift: Epic - A Cast of Thousands** **11.20 Shakespeare from Kabul**  
**ITV2**  
**3.10 Film: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory** (2005) **5.25 Film: The Flintstones** (1994) **7.15 Film: Mr Bean's Holiday** (2007) **9.00 Benidorm** **10.00 The Only Way Is Essex** **10.45 Lemon La Vida Loca** **11.30 Film: American Pie Presents Band Camp** (2005)  
**ITV3**  
**3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** **5.10 Film: The Great St Trinian's Train Robbery** (1966) **7.05 Film: Arthur** (1981) **9.00 Film: Psycho** (1960) **11.15 Trial & Retribution**  
**ITV4**  
**3.10 Film: The Gunfight at Dodge City** (1959) **4.15 Film: Spartacus** (1960) **8.00 Premiership Rugby Sevens Series** **9.00 Film: The Enforcer** (1976) **11.00 Film: Bride of Chucky** (1998)  
**E4**  
**3.15 Glee** **4.10 New Girl** **4.40 Suburgatory** **5.05 Revenge** **6.00 The Big Bang Theory** **8.00 Film: X-Men** (2000) Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman. **10.00 Rude Tube: Love Bytes** **11.05 2 Broke Girls** **11.35 New Girl**  
**Film4**  
**3.10 James and the Giant Peach** (1996) Children's fantasy, with Paul Terry. **4.45 Chariots of Fire** (1981) Oscar-winning drama, starring Ben Cross. **7.10 Legend** (1985) **9.00 The Bank Job** (2008) **11.10 Final Destination 3** (2006)

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## What's On!

### Film Choices

#### MONDAY

**Red Sonja, Channel 5, 10.55pm**

A female warrior resolves to stop an evil queen unleashing the destructive power of a magical orb that allows control of the elements, and make the malevolent monarch pay for murdering her family. Fantasy adventure, starring Brigitte Nielsen. (1985)

#### TUESDAY

**Jungle Book, Channel 4, 1.05pm**

A teenager raised by wolves returns to the village where he was born. He relearns human ways, but after a while decides to return to his old jungle home and reunite with his animal friends to help foil a greedy merchant's evil scheme. Adventure, based on Rudyard Kipling's classic novel, starring Sabu. (1942)

**The Island, ITV1, 10.35pm**

The naive survivors of an apparent ecological disaster work, rest and play inside their utopian sealed community in the year 2019, each hoping to win a ticket to an idyllic island in a regular lottery draw. However, a curious inhabitant discovers the restricted society is a facade shielding a sinister cloning operation and is determined to escape. Sci-fi thriller, starring Ewan McGregor and Scarlett Johansson. (2005)



**The Bourne Ultimatum, Friday, ITV1, 10.35pm**

#### WEDNESDAY

**Dead Calm, ITV1, 10.35pm**

A husband and wife take a yachting trip to help recover from the death of their son. While out on the open water the couple spot a sinking ship and manage to save the only person left on board - but they come to bitterly regret their good deed when the situation turns dark and a fraught battle of wits ensues. Thriller, with Sam Neill. (1989)

#### THURSDAY

**Meet Me in St Louis, Channel 4, 12.55pm**

A job offer tempts a banker to consider uprooting his close-knit family and moving to New York. However, his wife and children struggle with the prospect of leaving their friends behind, and are horrified when they realise they might miss out on the 1904 St Louis World's Fair. Musical, starring Judy Garland. (1944)

#### FRIDAY

**The Bourne Ultimatum, ITV1, 10.35pm**

Amnesiac rogue assassin Jason Bourne's long-buried memories are reawakened by a British journalist researching the secret organisation who were responsible for transforming him into a killing machine. Meanwhile, a ruthless CIA director becomes convinced Bourne is still a high security risk, and plans to dispose of him once and for all. Third instalment of the spy thriller series, starring Matt Damon. (2007)

### Pick of the Week

## Noteworthy success of a smash-hit team

In 1984, after meeting Mike Stock and Matt Aitken, train-loving DJ, songwriter and music producer Pete Waterman thought they would help make a winning team. To say he was on the money is something of an understatement. New documentary

**The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken and Waterman Story (Monday, ITV1, 9pm)** looks back on Britain's most successful pop producers, with the aid of their greatest hits.

One of their greatest successes was Kylie Minogue, the Neighbours star who proved she was more than just a pretty face. I Should Be So Lucky launched her music career and kick-started a wave of Aussie soap stars trying their hands at chart stardom. Dead or Alive enjoyed lucrative success, thanks to SAW's dance-floor filler You Spin Me Round, while established celebs such as Sinitta, Cliff Richard and the late Donna Summer also benefitted from the Midas touch of Mike, Matt and Pete. The trio went on to score more than 100 top 40 hits, and one of their biggest successes was with a man who witnessed their rise to fame, Rick Astley.

"I met Pete Waterman very early on when I was about 19, and I watched their company. Stock, Aitken and Waterman and everything go from just kind of hanging on by the skin of their teeth to becoming the biggest producers in Europe really," explains Rick. "And that's around the time when they were just starting to crack it, they were just beginning to have hit records, that's when I signed to them. I had no clue who they were."

Thanks to his hit single Never Gonna Give You Up, Rick was transformed from jobbing musician to overnight superstar. Aside from landing the number one slot 25 years ago (where it stayed for five weeks, and became the best selling UK single of 1987), it also topped the charts in 25 countries, including the United States. The video, helmed by The Expendables 2's Simon West, was broadcast all over the world, but more recently the song received a new lease of life thanks to the Internet phenomena of 'Rickrolling'.

Five years ago some wag thought it would be a good idea to post misleading Internet links which would re-direct viewers to Astley's classic tune.

They say there's no such thing as bad publicity, and in an age when the world started warming to instantly downloadable music, it wasn't long before one of Stock Aitken and Waterman's most famous tracks had achieved a new lease of life.

In 2012 the trio may be comfortably well off, but in the early days Rick wondered whether the company would survive. "I'm not saying they were talking about how they were going to pay the studio rent, but it felt like that at times," he laughs. "They were building something, and then a year-and-a-half later they'd got five records in the top 40 all the time." The rest, as they say, is pop history.

Aside from contributions from Pete Waterman, this show, narrated by Suranne Jones, also features Simon Cowell, Sinitta, Jason Donovan, Pete Burns, Sonia, Lamont Dozier, Kim Appleby and Steps.



**Pete Waterman features in The Hit Factory: The Stock Aitken and Waterman Story, Monday, ITV1, 9pm**

### Best of the Rest

#### MONDAY

**Olympics Tonight**  
**BBC1, 10.40pm**

Gabby Logan and guests look back on day 10 at the London Games, and present live coverage of the sports still taking place. These include the men's basketball group match between Argentina and not favourites for the gold medal USA, and the men's super heavyweight boxing quarter-finals. The review of today's action includes a look at the women's artistic gymnastics, including the women's uneven bars discipline, which should have featured three-time world champion Beth Tweddle chasing the Olympic glory that had eluded her so far in her career. There were also high hopes for Team GB at the Olympic Stadium today, with world champion Dai Greene likely to be in contention in the men's 400m hurdles final.

#### TUESDAY

**Trash to Treasure**  
**ITV1, 7.30pm**

These days, ITV1 has a habit of airing documentaries that are just as much entertaining as they informative - this latest one not being any exception. Alas, all good things must come to an end and in the penultimate episode of the series, new boss of Ribble Reclamation has his work cut out in trying to convince Dale that merging his demolition business with the yard will see the big bucks rolling in. Meanwhile, festival organizer Sophie has an unusual request of Trev and Lee at Beeston Reclamation, which leaves the brothers with no choice but to approach a rival supplier.

#### World's Tallest Towers

**Channel 5, 8pm**

It's a surreal sight standing a few feet from the Washington monument. The 150-foot patchwork quilt of bricks at the first section - the point where the money ran out in 1854 - followed by the rest of the sand-coloured obelisk is a sight to behold. Washington DC's iconic needle is just one of the structures featured in this one-off show, which also charts the construction of Canton Tower in Guangzhou, China. The programme-makers reveal how a series of engineering breakthroughs achieved in the creation of older structures made it possible. We see how advanced fire-fighting equipment protects the Chinese landmark against blazes, and cameras also focus on Paris' Eiffel Tower and Canada's CN Tower.

#### WEDNESDAY

**Olympics 2012**

**BBC1, 7pm**

Gary Lineker introduces this evening's athletics schedule at the Olympic Stadium. Having been born in east London, Perri Shakes-Drayton is very much a local favourite, and will surely be spurred on by the crowd if she has reached the 400m hurdles final. She went into the Games in good form, having recently run a new personal best at Crystal



**Olympics 2012, Thursday, BBC1, 7pm**

Palace that made her the second fastest Brit of all time behind 1992 Olympic gold medalist Sally Gunnell. However, the likes of Jamaicans Kaliese Spencer and Melaine Walker may still be too quick for her.

#### SuperScrippers

**Channel 4, 8pm**

The Government's latest figures show that we're in the longest double-dip recession for 50 years, so we're all having to be that little bit more careful and tighten our belts. But does saving money have to be dull? Of course not! Here, Financial Times columnist Mrs

Money Penny provides more cash-saving tips, tonight showing viewers how to save on childcare costs and rented accommodation. Meanwhile, Daily Telegraph retail editor Harry Wallop highlights some of the pitfalls associated with buying a used car as he comes to the rescue of a couple whose second-hand motor wouldn't even start. And two best friends from Manchester take on the £50 Challenge as they limit their grocery spending and fit out their dream home.

#### THURSDAY

**Olympics 2012**  
**BBC1, 7pm**

Gary Lineker presents this evening's athletics action from the Olympic Stadium, where Jamaicans Usain Bolt and Yohan Blake are expected to battle it out again in the 200m final. Bolt broke Michael Johnson's long-standing world record at the 2008 Games, and has since lowered that time even further in the following year's World Championships. However, he could face stiff opposition from Blake, who became the second-fastest man in history over the distance last year and further stated his credentials when beating Bolt at the 100m and 200m in the Jamaican trials.

#### FRIDAY

**Olympics 2012**  
**BBC1, 7pm**

Gary Lineker resumes presenting duties once again for the penultimate night of athletics at the Olympic Stadium. If she has progressed this far, Great Britain's Hannah England will be hopeful of winning a medal in the women's 1500m final, having finished second in the World Championships last year. Her chances of at least matching that achievement were increased when pre-Games favourite Mariem Alaoui Selsouli was banned after testing positive for a banned substance. Should they have reached the final, there will also be hopes of a Team GB medal in the final of the men's 4x400m relay, although the USA will go into the race as hot favourites.

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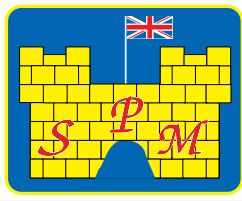


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**REGULAR watering and feeding are essential to keep hanging baskets and decorative patio containers looking good.**

Find time to pick over your containers to remove dead flower heads. This will encourage more flowering.

Take extra time deadheading fuchsias or they will produce seed pods the size of grapes using up plenty of plant energy in the process.

Similarly, don't be frightened of cutting back long trailing plant material that is showing bare flowerless patches.

Some trailing petunias, bidens and nasturtiums are inclined to rampage but can be cut back quite hard without harming the plants.

The recent heavy rain has put pay to serious drought. So feeding containers once a week with the hose-end Miracle-Gro Liquafeed system is back on the agenda as quick and convenient.

### Excess

Traditionalists can still dissolve the blue crystals in a watering can and wet the compost. But to save water, always fit a drip tray or saucer under the pot. This will allow the compost to suck back any excess water without it running to waste.

A hose-end feeding system allows you to treat a whole garden in just a few minutes.

Just fit to the feeder to the end of a hose and screw in a bottle of concentrated plant food.

You can then simply water your garden with three different spray patterns and decide when to add the nutrients to feed your plants over the leaves and around the roots. It dissolves the right amount automatically.

Keep your gravel paths free of weeds



Removing dead flower heads will encourage more flowering

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● Words and photographs supplied by John Clowes, of The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company

### Topical tips

Planning for autumn colour on the patio means that it's time to sow seeds of winter flowering pansies and biennials such as stock, sweet williams and wallflowers.

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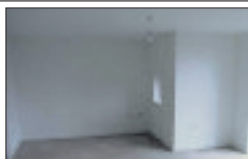
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### DADDFORD VIEW BRIERLEY HILL

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## Late goals decisive as Gornal take win

**Gornal Athletic 3 Dudley Town 2**  
GORNAL ATHLETIC snatched two late goals to deny Dudley Town victory in the friendly contest between the two local rivals.

But Gornal, the West Midlands Premier League champions, were tested for 75 minutes by the Robins.

Dudley were able to welcome back goalkeeper Tom Harper following work commitments that kept him out of the previous week's midweek 2-2 draw with Atherstone Town. Full-back John Watkins was in the side but Chris Whittaker and Richard Langford remained unavailable.

Dudley were quickly out of the blocks and keen to test a Gornal side once again featuring a large contingent of their former players, on this occasion eight.

Dreniz Bala had the best of the early chances, bringing a fine block from keeper James Pemberton. The goalkeeper's busy afternoon continued on the quarter-hour mark when he blocked a Rion Francis-Mills chip with his chest.

### Dragged

For Gornal, Calum Martin should have put away a chance from close range but dragged it wide. However, his side went 1-0 up in the 23rd minute; a Lee Wherton corner found Leon Taylor and their shot deflected in off Todd Warner.

Parity was restored two minutes before half-time. Chris Rabone had handled on the line and, despite Pemberton keeping out Francis-Mills' spot-kick, the young striker created space to tap home the rebound.

The Robins were good value in the first half and deserved their second goal. Danny Ludlow fired home at the near post on 61 minutes.

It should have been 3-1 just seconds later, the lively Francis-Mills connecting to a pin-point Anthony Cox cross that strayed agonisingly over the crossbar.

But the hosts levelled. Chris Rabone stole in at the far post to score with nine minutes left. And just three minutes later Keiron Bennett struck. Due to serious injury Bennett has barely featured in the last couple of years, but here he gave his side the lead.

**Gornal Athletic:** Pemberton, O'Kelly, Keates, Parsons, Wood, Dicken, C Martin, Wherton, Sangha, Taylor, Rabone. **Substitutes:** Nisbett, Tiff, Weyman, Bennett, M Martin (GK).

**Dudley Town:** Harper, Warner, Watkins, Smith, Whitley, Gardner, Cox, McGilligan, Bala, Francis-Mills, Ludlow. **Substitutes:** Perry, Joshua, Store, Faux.

# Reasons to be cheerful as the tail wags

**Coventry & North Warwicks 202-9**  
**Stourbridge 128-8. Draw**

STOURBRIDGE seconds, hosting one of the strongest teams in the division, put up a performance that will please the skipper Keith Jones.

It has been a season that has so far brought few successes for the team. But here they dug in to hold powerful opposition to a draw.

Coventry won the toss and decided to bat first on a wicket that was likely to be easy paced.

Opening attack paceman Ali Shah brought an early success when bowling James Formstone

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for three. But James Horsley (49) and Mathew Clement (76) rescued the visitors, enabling them to pass the 200 mark.

Spinner James Wood, back to form, took 4-48 off 13 overs. Thea Brookes was also in the wickets, taking three caught and bowled opportunities to prevent a runaway total.

Stour's innings fell short despite the opener Chris Norgrove giving his team a good start with 44. James Wood was the only other

batsmen to make any impact. However, the Stour tail wagged to see the 50 overs through. Khalid Umar helped to prevent a defeat with a late order 16.

Mark Lilley's 15-over spell of relentless line and length bowling caused the Stour batsmen to falter as he took 4-14.

**Stourbridge 188-8, Barnt Green 189-6. Barnt Green won by four wickets**

The thirds were just squeezed out as Barnt Green held on to win by four wickets. Put in to bat, the home team posted 188-8. Opener Alex Spence scored 84 and was unlucky to be run out when

heading for his maiden century. Shabbir Butt, batting at No.6, contributed an unbeaten 42.

Barnt Green openers Adam Brownhill (44) and Charles Eden (51) proved to be the stumbling blocks for Stour bowlers.

Stourbridge teenager Matt Watts, a genuine prospect, snaffled 4-41 off his 15 overs. But Barnt Green were home and dry in the final over with four wickets left.

**Hanley Castle & Upton 108, Stourbridge 109-7. Stourbridge won by three wickets**

The combined batting and bowling talent of skipper Alex

Dent contributed to victory for Stourbridge fourths.

His bowling prowess led to Hanley Castle & Upton seconds being bowled out for 108 in 33 overs. Gary Lewis top-scored with 36 on his home ground.

Dent captured 4-45 off 12 overs and then led the way with the bat, making 31 to help his team to victory in the 33rd over.

Steven Tandy's 5-31 off 12 overs did not prevent the Stour boys taking yet another victory to get them back into fourth position in Division Five of the second XIs' championship.

## Pedersen in serious mood for Potters

HEATHENS coach Jan O Pedersen will take his riders to one side for a serious chat before Tuesday's clash with title rivals Stoke at Monmore Green.

He is keen to ensure his side avoid complacency after a string of stunning wins with high scores.

"They've won 14 out of 16 meetings in all competitions and haven't lost since May 5 – ironically at Stoke."

But Pedersen and team boss Will Pottinger will be getting their message over.

Former world champion Pedersen said: "Will and I will be making the points regularly to the riders that they still have the big meetings coming up."

"We have a cup semi-final and the play-offs to come. We have won the National Shield, but we want to win more than that and we have a lot of work ahead of us."

"The boys need to stay well and truly focused and it's my job, and Will's job, to ensure we do just that over the next few weeks."

### Include

"I will be talking to the boys seriously. Yes, we like to have fun but if these riders want to achieve things they have to stay serious, professional and focused."

Heathens put their perfect league record on the line against a powerhouse Potters side, who include former Golden Hammer winner Simon Lambert and top National League star Ashley Birks.

The former Cradley club have won all their nine league outings and have set a target of going through the programme unbeaten.

But they will be without Dan Greenwood for the Potters' visit and will use the rider replacement facility.

Pottinger said: "This is the toughest home meeting of the season for us so far, especially as we're without Dan."

"He's been in good form for us this season so we know we will all need to be firing to cover his four rides."

"Stoke have a powerful top end but also they still have Ben Reade down at reserve for August and that's a tough one for us because he can have seven rides."

"But in an ironic twist we will also have Tom Perry at reserve because he hasn't completed three home league meetings as he missed two due to him riding for Somerset."

# Stour just miss out on win after awful start

**Stourbridge 264-6, Coleshill 176-9. Draw**  
**STOURBRIDGE bounced back to claim a winning draw against Coleshill despite losing both openers for ducks in the first over.**

Alex Bingham nicked the second ball behind and Steve Game was bowled off the final ball by left-hander Phil Trilloe. Stour were under the cosh but pulled through with aggressive batting from Andy Alexander and Greg Jones.

Coleshill, third from bottom in Division Three of the Birmingham League made their dream start having put Stour in to bat.

Stour stood to lose their third position in the division if they failed to make an imposing total.

Alexander set the tone by taking the game to the opposition and hitting. He hit 44, which included seven fours and a six, in 45 minutes.

His knock was ended by the spinner Kevin Crotty in his second over, out lbw.

### Content

Skipper Richard Bradley managed to carve out 17 by the time Alexander was out. They had taken their team to 65-3 in the 14th over.

Bradley and Jitesh Patel were content to play out a string of dot balls to consolidate Stour's position. They compiled a patient 64 when Bradley was lbw having just posted 50 off 82 balls.

Coleshill took the fifth wicket two runs later when Jordan Brookes, replacing the injured Josh Banks, was lbw for a duck.

Patel continued the anchor role scoring 68 before being caught and

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bowled by Trilloe. Patel and keeper Greg Jones had put on 68 taking Stour total to 199-6 in the 47th over.

Jones injected more urgency into the final overs, taking his score to 70 not out with eight fours and a six of 57 balls. James Winders was unbeaten on 27.

Coleshill's innings went off to a flying start before the first wicket fell on 51.

Dave Jones and Jitesh Patel opened the bowling and Patel had Pete Magafas lbw on 39 in the 13th over. On 72 he struck again getting the other opener, IfiKhar Khan, lbw for 22 in the 19th over.

He then had Trilloe caught at point for a duck and Kalpesh Patel had Len Wallace lbw also for a duck.

Leg spinner Alexander accounted for Shezad Malik caught in the slips for 12. Carl Bland was brilliantly caught and bowled by Kalpesh Patel for one. He finally got No.3 David Brown caught for 53. The ninth wicket fell but Lee Bird and skipper Kevin Crotty blocked out to draw.

## Cancer charity is winner of Town's match



Former Albion player Andy Johnson and organiser Steve Austin, with fellow players and representatives from White House Cancer Support charity, before the fundraising match at Dudley Town Football Club, Brierley Hill

A FUNDRAISING football match held for the second year running made hundreds of pounds for a cancer charity.

Dudley Town Football Club held its second annual charity fixture on Saturday, with two teams selected by the club's first XI and under-18s managers pitted against one another at Brierley

Hill's Dell Stadium. They were joined by former West Bromwich Albion star Andy Johnson.

The event was in aid of Dudley-based White House Cancer Support – nominated by the club's committee as its chosen cause for the past two years.

More than 200 programmes were

sold for £2 each, with all proceeds handed to the good cause.

Steve Austin, club chairman, said around £700 had been raised which was won by the first XI team 5-4. "We're all pleased to support charity and we chose this cause because we like to play a big role in our Dudley community," he said.

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## Chess ends in draw as time runs out for pair

DON CURRY forced a draw against top player Jeremy Fallowfield in the latest round of Stourbridge Chess Club's summer tournament.

Curry was not intimidated and played strong attacking chess to put Fallowfield under pressure.

This resulted in Fallowfield miscalculating a combination and losing a bishop for two pawns.

With both players starting to get short of time on the clock, Curry offered a draw, which was accepted.

The two are joint leaders on three points going into the last round.

Other games also ended in draws.

Ricky Brookes played a brilliant knight sacrifice against Julie Wilson, but then misplayed the attack in what should have been a won position and lost the exchange.

Wilson then offered a draw which was accepted.

Colin Woodall played a long game against Tony Taylor in which neither player could gain an advantage.

An even rook and two pawns endgame brought the inevitable draw.

Anyone interested in joining the club should phone Dave Scriven on 01384 423642.

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## Heathens skipper on a high

DUDLEY skipper Adam Roynon is hitting the speedway heights.

The Heathens star finished equal eighth in the British final on Dudley's borrowed home track, Monmore Green.

Roynon notched seven points, signing off with a fine race win.

But it could have been even better for the Cumbrian, who had to retire from second place in another of his rides.

And he had further cause for celebration with a call-up to the Great Britain team due to ride against Australia in a Test match at Poole last night following an injury withdrawal.

Scott Nicholls won the British final from Coventry team-mate Chris Harris.

Wolves star Tai Woffinden finished third.



Winners Rebecca Randle, left, and Jo Billingham with Shifnal Golf Club ladies' captain Ann Butler, centre

## Enville pair in ladies' final

A WINNING Enville Golf Club pair have qualified for the grand final of the Ladies' Golf Union Coronation Foursomes at the home of golf, St Andrews.

Jo Billingham and Rebecca Randle, representing Enville in Staffordshire, won on 40 points on countback over the last six holes from Marie Parry and Karen Darby, the Herefordshire, also on 40 points at Shifnal Golf Club.

Third were Chris Wilson and Pam Etchingham, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, on 39 points.

It was the culmination of qualifying rounds played in clubs throughout

### Golf

Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Qualifiers could nominate their area final from 16 venues, and with only one pair going forward from each area final to the grand final in September at the famous Scottish course, competition was fierce for a place at this popular Shropshire club.

More than 100 clubs nominated Shifnal as their first choice venue from as far as Cornwall, Wales, Cheshire, Lincolnshire and from most Midland counties.

Shropshire was well represented with 15 clubs but that did not bring success. Even Shifnal's representatives, Sue Howse and Rita Fenwick, found the course exacting.

David Guy, captain, had welcomed the competitors, saying that he was very proud that Shifnal should be hosting the Coronation Foursomes Area Final for the LGU in this Queen's Diamond Jubilee year.

Bridget Jackson, Vice-President of the LGU, thanked Shifnal Golf Club on behalf of the LGU and presented a commemorative plaque.

## Glassboys get good testing by Olympic

Rushall Olympic O  
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THIS friendly was a good test for the Glassboys against a team playing at the same level but chances were at a premium as both sides cancelled each other out for long spells.

The first chance of note came in the 29th minute for Stourbridge with Stuart Hendrie laying the ball back to James Dyson who drifted in a cross towards the far post where Luke Benbow sent a header wide.

Rushall responded with a corner from Grant Beckett met by Steve Abbott whose downward header was saved by Lewis Solly. Soon after, Solly was called into action again to make a save away to his right at full stretch to keep out a shot from Dave Walker.

### Header

The Glassboys almost grabbed a lead in the 38th minute as Aaron Griffiths delivered a cross and Benbow stooped to get in a header that struck Chris Gemmell's right upright.

In the 64th minute Benbow tried to wriggle through the Rushall defence on the edge of the area and the ball broke to Sean Evans. His snap-shot drew a smart save from Gemmell low down to his left.

Then, with two minutes left, Dyson played a one-two with Rock before hitting an angled low shot from the left-hand side of the box that Gemmell could only parry. In trying to clear the ball, home defender Wayne Daniel smacked the ball against Rock with Gemmell having to make a fine reaction tip-over save to prevent the visitors from sneaking a late winner.

Stourbridge travel to Kidderminster Harriers on Saturday to defend their Worcestershire Senior Cup.

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# COOL KRISTIAN IS A HISTORY MAKER

WOLVERHAMPTON gymnast Kristian Thomas has spoken of his joy after making history at the London 2012 Olympics.

The Wednesfield star, who trains at Earl's Gym in Halesowen, inspired Team GB's men squad to claim bronze in a day of drama at the North Greenwich Arena. It is the first time in 100 years that the men's team have taken an Olympic medal – since Stockholm in 1912 – and they almost ended up with silver.

Japan won their appeal against Kohei Uchimura's pommel horse score to take silver after Team GB initially sat second after six events with 271.711 points.

And after the late-night drama Thomas, who scored a brilliant 16.500 on the vault, admitted he was in dreamland.

"I keep looking down at the medal and I'm amazed. I'm lost for words," said the 23-year-old afterwards. "We've won a medal but it still hasn't sunk in."

"I'm hoping once the next week is out of the way we can relax, take a moment and realise we've achieved one of the greatest things in the history of our sport."

### Special

"I'm completely overwhelmed by the experience. Hopefully in a month I can sit back and take everything in and think I really have done something special."

"It's been 18 years of hard work, blood, sweat and tears – the graft in the gym, the early mornings and the before school training. We really have given it everything in the last few years."

"Even after I finished the floor (the final event) I wasn't 100 per cent convinced we had won a medal."

"Until my score came up I couldn't think 'right, we have actually done it'."

Sam Oldham's fall on the high bar put Team GB's medal hopes in jeopardy but Thomas's 15.200 on the same apparatus and 15.433 in his floor routine sealed

### London 2012 Olympics

the bronze. He added: "I remember looking up and not even taking Sam's fall in."

"I stuck it to the back of my head and didn't even worry about it."

"When I was chalking up for bars I just thought, 'right this is just like any other situation in the gym, it's not as big an occasion as you think'."

"I just tried to play the whole situation down and that helped," said Thomas, who also competes in the individual events.

The former St Edmund's Catholic School pupil added: "We said before the start of the competition we needed to go out there, relax and enjoy it."

"I don't know if we did enjoy it – there seemed to be more and more pressure – but the ending was fantastic."

His mother Catherine said: "It's absolutely amazing. Who'd have thought it four years ago, GB getting a men's medal in the Olympics?"

"It was unthinkable a few years ago and they have come so far in such a short time."

Wolverhampton-based judoka Gemma Howell went

out of the under-63kg category when beaten by France's European champion Gevrisse Emame.

Howell was warned for being too passive and then, with just seconds remaining, was disqualified for an illegal leg wrap.

Howell, who reached the Games despite a cruciate ligament injury just nine months ago, fought hard without success and said afterwards: "I don't have any positive thoughts right now."

"Maybe when I go home and look at it again I will, but right now I am just completely gutted."

"I did not come here to fight hard, I came here to win it."

Water polo player Alex Parsonage, from Dudley, made his Olympic debut for Team GB in their 13-4 loss to Romania.

Parsonage, who plays for SV Bayer Uerdingen 08, will seldom have experienced anything like the noise level generated by supporters at Stratford.

The 5,000-strong crowd lifted their side to a strong finish despite the defeat.

Solihull's Jake Vincent was also in the team.



Kristian Thomas celebrates after Great Britain won the bronze medal in London

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